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魚頭の少年・博は怪物化し、
龍宮殿内を暴れまわっていた。
博の変化に驚きその事態に危機を感じた
二代目乙姫・錦は、
初代乙姫・仙に相談する。
すると仙は事態解決のために、
錦の知らない「龍宮殿」の秘密を
打ち明け始めた。
その内容は、「龍宮殿」の存在を
ひも解くものだった……

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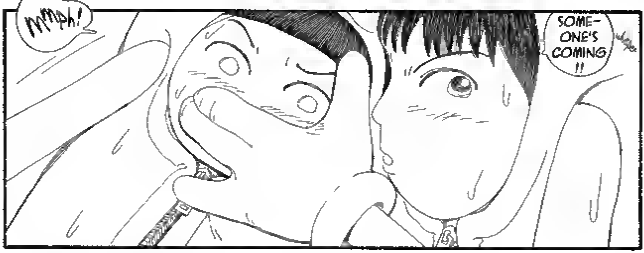
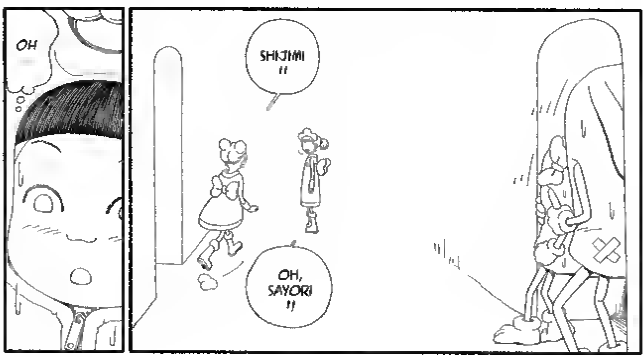
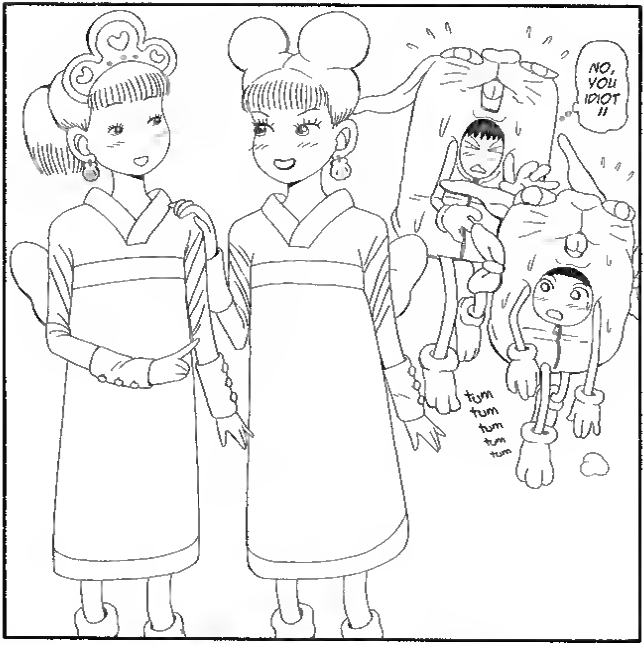
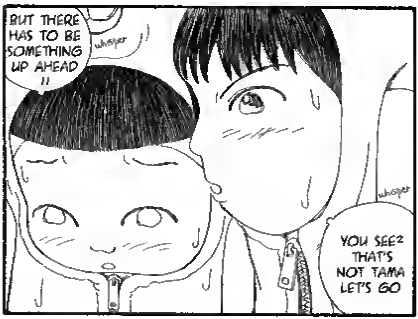
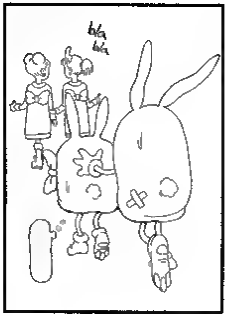
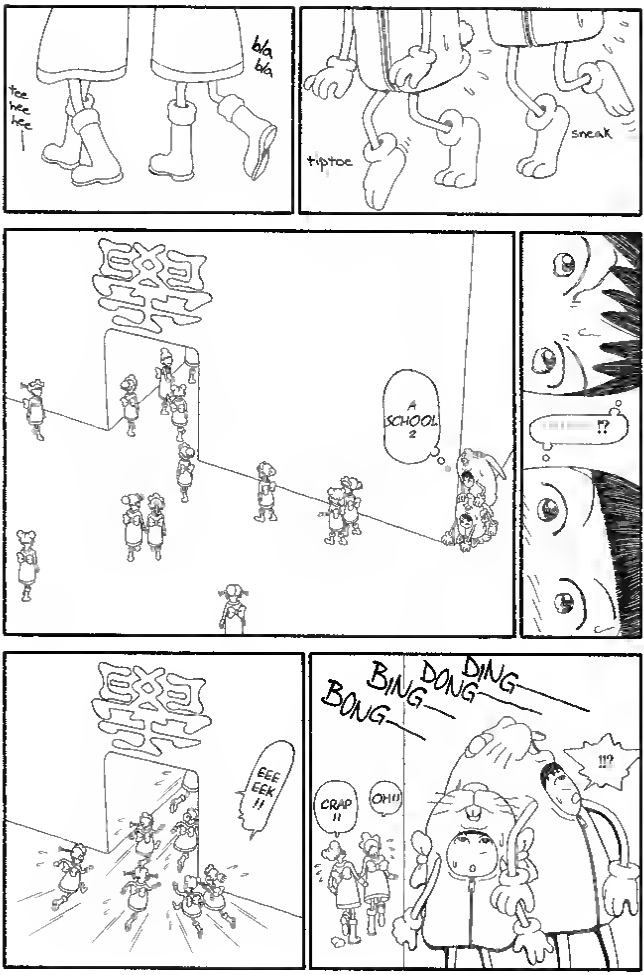

MMMH!
SOME-ONE'S COMING!!

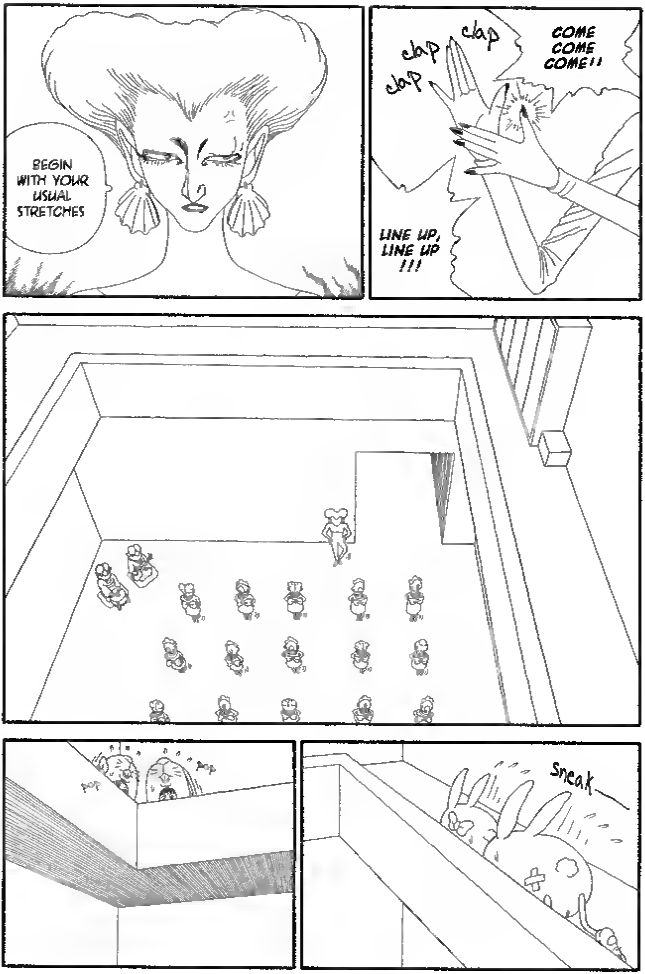

OH
SHIJIMI!!
OH, SAYORI!!

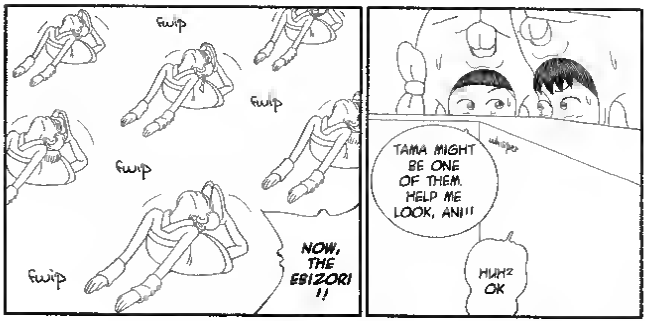

NO, YOU IDIOT !!
tum tum tum tum tum


BUT THERE HAS TO BE SOMETHING UP AHEAD !!
whisper
whisper
YOU SEE? THAT'S NOT TAMA LET'S GO

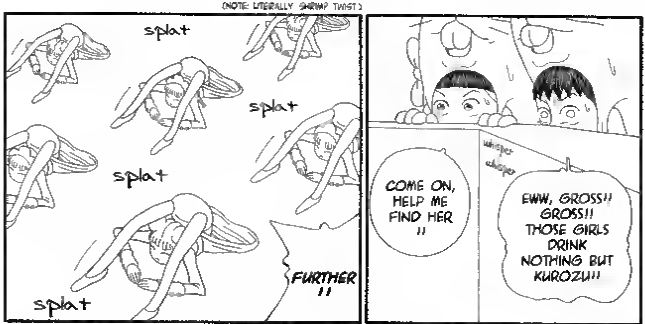



tic
tac
toe
bla
bla
tiptoe
sneak
A SCHOOL 2
!?
EEE EEK !!
BONG
BING
DONG
DING
CRAP !!
OH!!
!!?

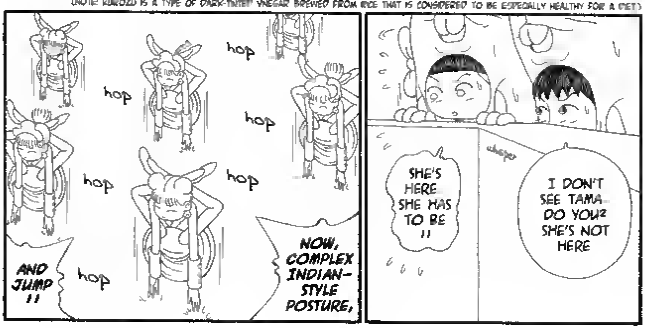

BEGIN WITH YOUR USUAL STRETCHES
clap
clap
clap
COME COME COME!!
LINE UP, LINE UP !!!
Sneak

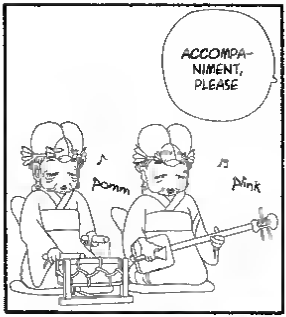


(NOTE: LITERALLY SHRIMP TWIST.)

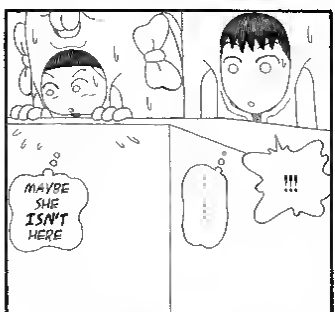


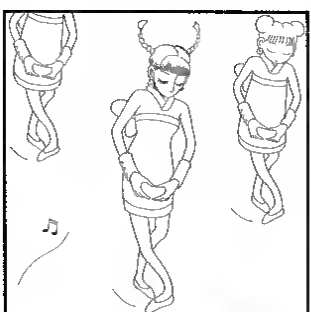
(NOTE: KUROZU IS A TYPE OF DARK-TINTED VINEGAR BREWED FROM RICE THAT IS CONSIDERED TO BE ESPECIALLY HEALTHY FOR A DIET.)

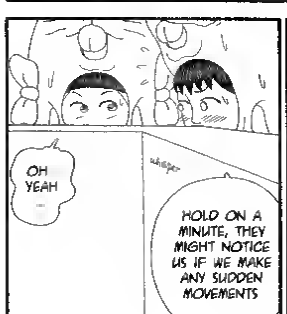



ACCOMPANIMENT, PLEASE
Pomm
Pink

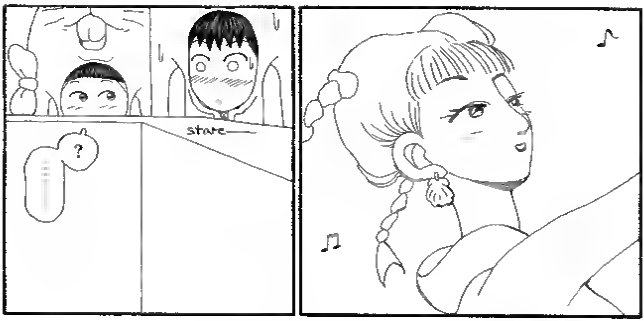
VERY GOOD LET US CONTINUE OUR PREVIOUS LESSON, THE PRAWN DANCE

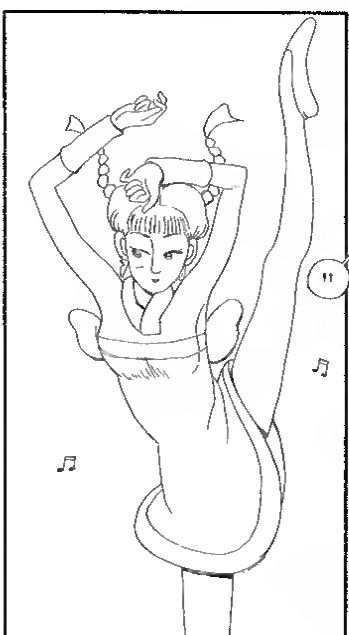

MAYBE SHE ISN'T HERE
!!!




OH YEAH
whisper
HOLD ON A MINUTE, THEY MIGHT NOTICE US IF WE MAKE ANY SUDDEN MOVEMENTS

HEY, ANI
SHOCK
whisper
LET'S GO, BEFORE ANYONE SEES US
H-HUH ?!


?
stare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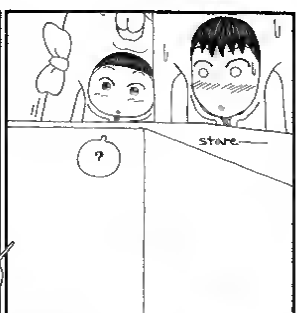
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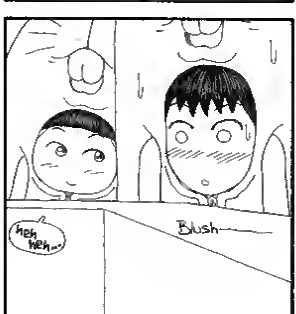
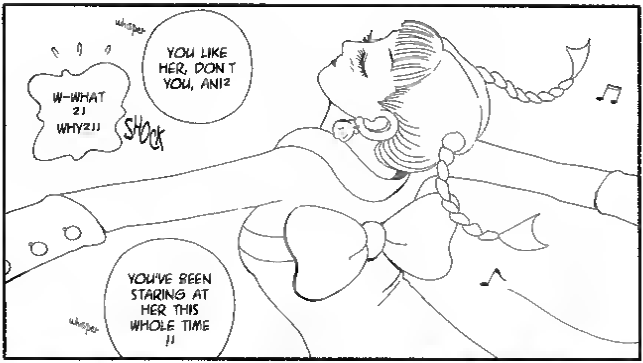
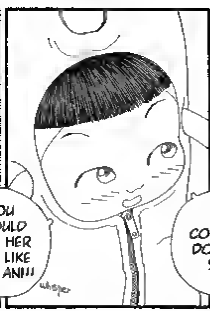

heh heh...
Blush

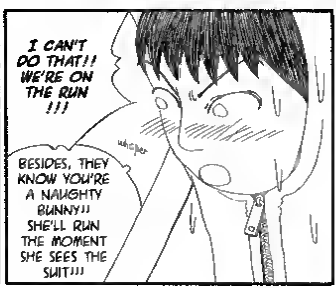

whisper
YOU LIKE HER, DON'T YOU, ANI?
W-WHAT ?! WHY?!!
SHOCK
YOU'VE BEEN STARING AT HER THIS WHOLE TIME !!
whisper

flinch
YOU SHOULD TELL HER YOU LIKE HER, ANI!!!
whisper

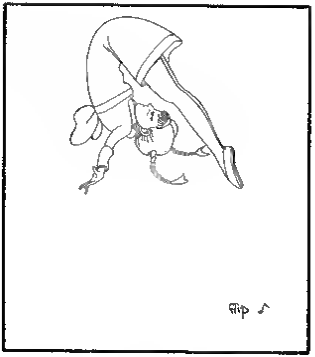

COME ON, DON'T BE SHY!!
whisper

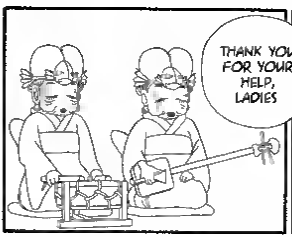
S-SHUT UP!!
whisper
I DON'T WANT ANY OF YOUR SASSY TALK!!

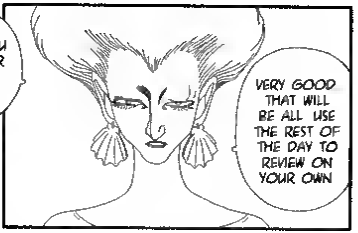
NAUGHTY BUNNY...
sigh...

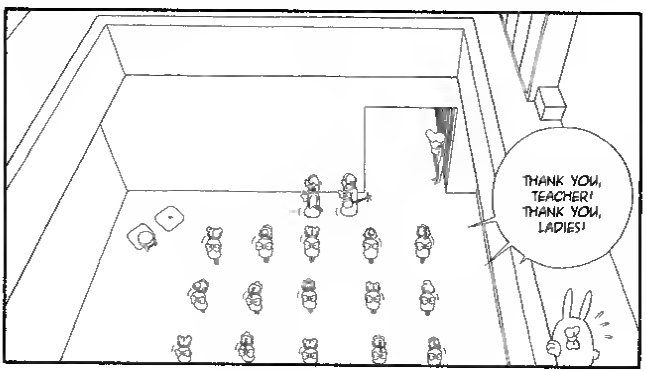

I CAN'T DO THAT!! WE'RE ON THE RUN !!!
whisper
BESIDES, THEY KNOW YOU'RE A NAUGHTY BUNNY!! SHE'LL RUN THE MOMENT SHE SEES THE SUIT!!!

Pose!


flip ♪

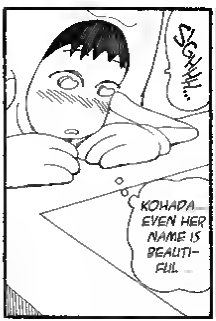

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP, LADIES

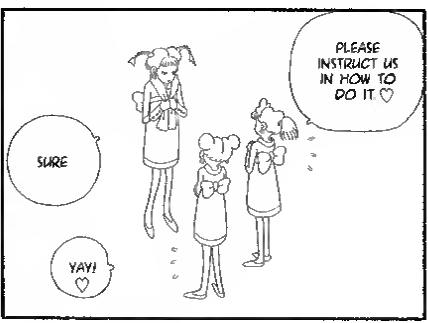

VERY GOOD THAT WILL BE ALL USE THE REST OF THE DAY TO REVIEW ON YOUR OWN

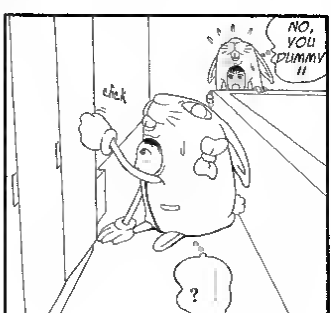

THANK YOU, TEACHER! THANK YOU, LADIES!

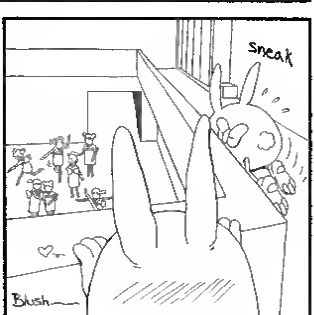
YOUR DANCE TODAY WAS VERY WONDER-FUL♡

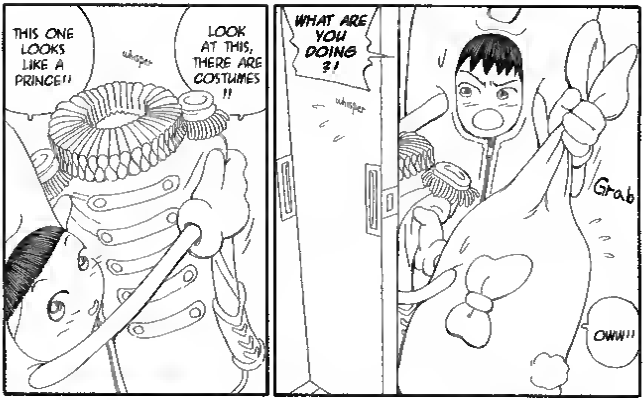
MISS KOHADA, ♡

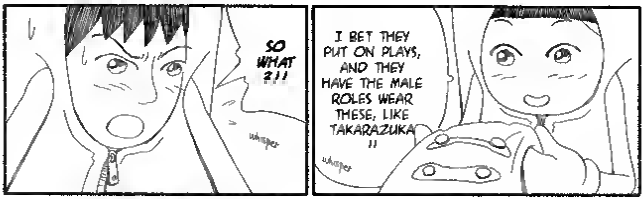




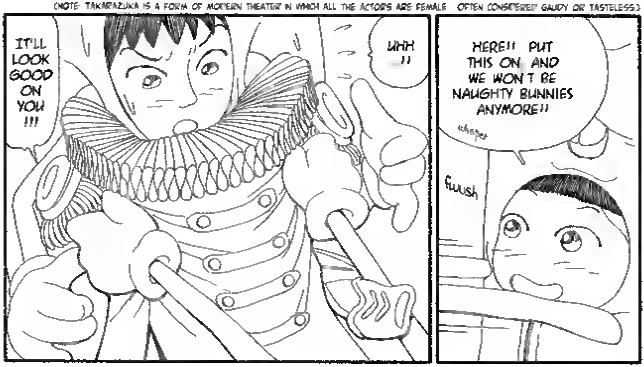


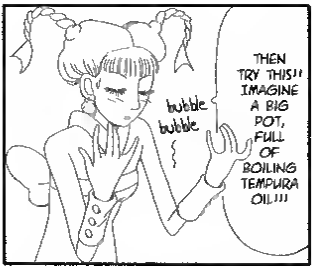


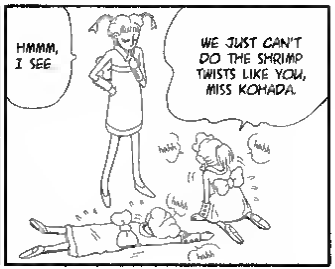


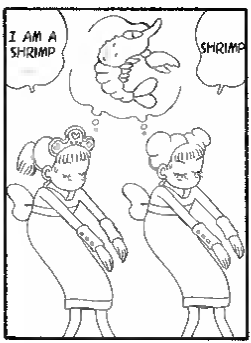


(NOTE: TAKARAZUKA IS A FORM OF MODERN THEATER IN WHICH ALL THE ACTORS ARE FEMALE. OFTEN CONSIDERED GAUDY OR TASTELESS.)

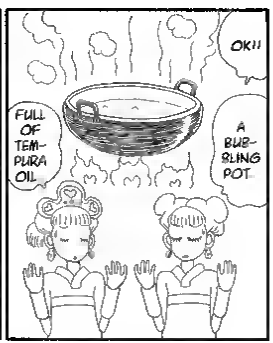


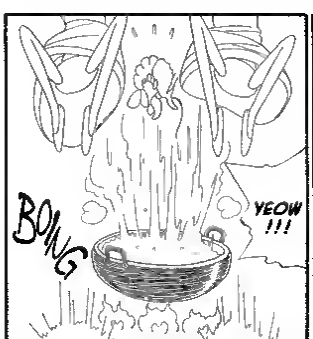

THEN TRY THIS!! IMAGINE A BIG POT, FULL OF BOILING TEMPURA OIL!!!
bubble bubble


HMMM, I SEE
WE JUST CAN'T DO THE SHRIMP TWISTS LIKE YOU, MISS KOMADA.

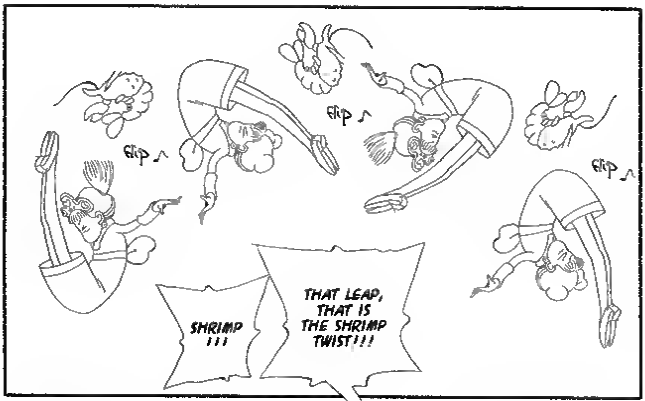

I AM A SHRIMP
SHRIMP

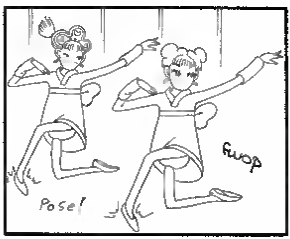
NOW PUT THAT ASIDE, AND IMAGINE THAT YOU ARE A SHRIMP ♬

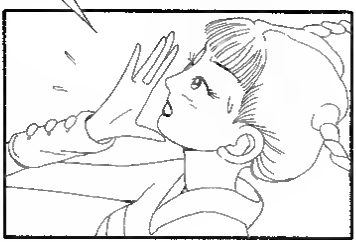

OK!!
FULL OF TEM-PURA OIL
A BUB-BLING POT

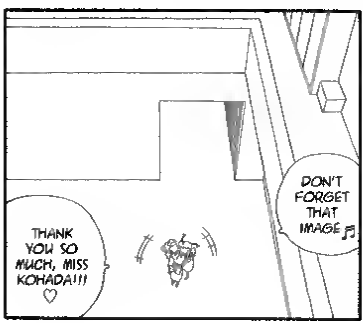

BOING
YEOW !!!

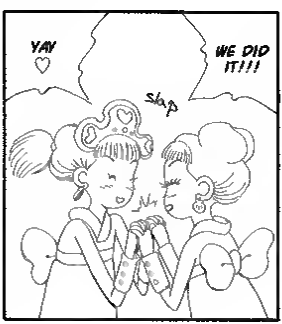
HAVE JUST BEEN TOSSED INTO THAT POT OF BOILING OIL!!!
AND NOW YOU FRESH YOUNG SHRIMPS
SMACK

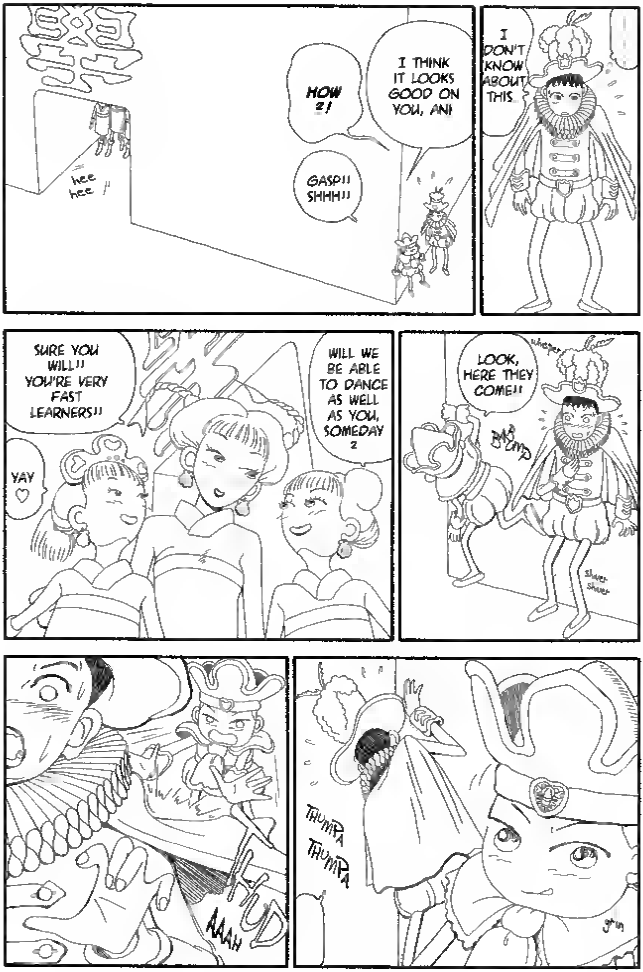

flip ♪
flip ♪
flip ♪
SHRIMP !!!
THAT LEAP, THAT IS THE SHRIMP TWIST!!!

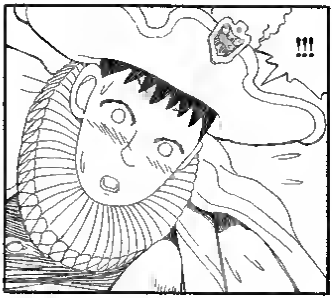

Pose!
flwop




THANK YOU SO MUCH, MISS KOHADA!!! ♡
DON'T FORGET THAT IMAGE ♫


YAY ♡
WE DID IT!!!
slap


I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS
I THINK IT LOOKS GOOD ON YOU, ANI
HOW ?!
GASP!! SHHH!!
hee hee
LOOK, HERE THEY COME!!
WILL WE BE ABLE TO DANCE AS WELL AS YOU, SOMEDAY ?
SURE YOU WILL!! YOU'RE VERY FAST LEARNERS!!
YAY ♡
THUMPA THUMPA
AAAH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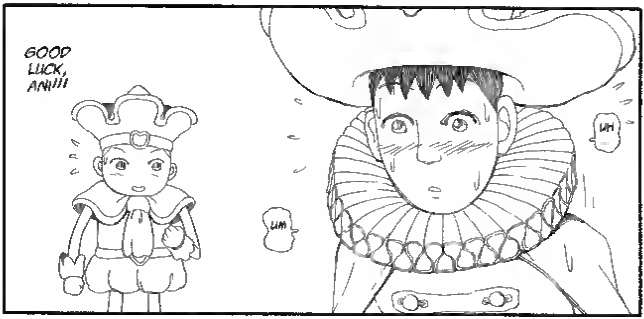
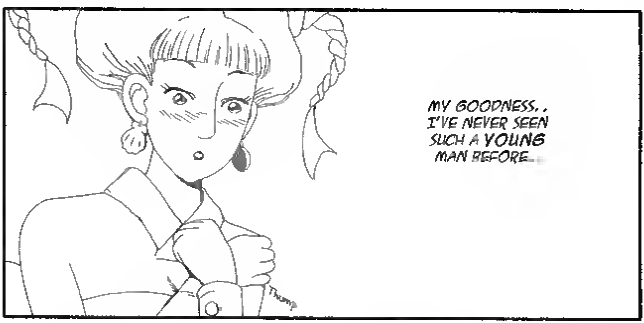
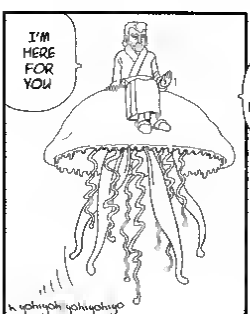
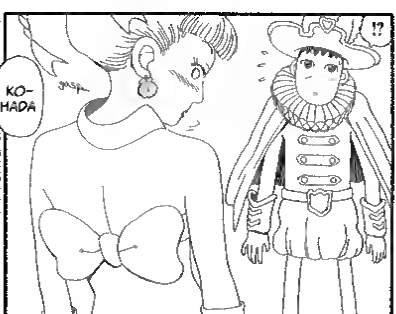
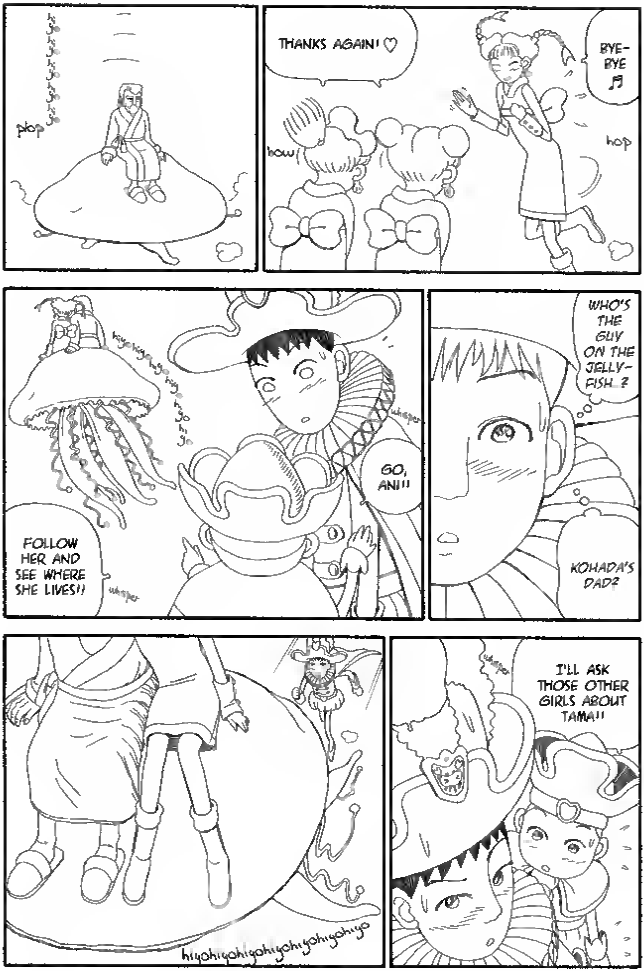
trip trip trip trip
PREPARE TO DIE, BO!!!

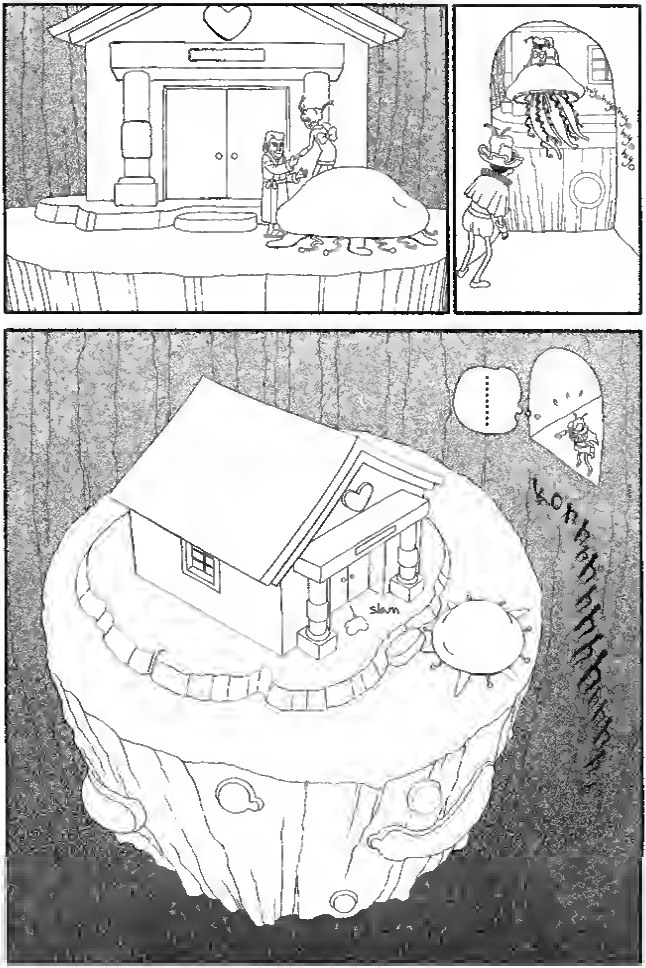

GOOD LUCK, ANI!!!
UM
UH


MY GOODNESS.. I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A YOUNG MAN BEFORE...


I'M HERE FOR YOU
h yohyoh yohyohyo


KO-HADA
gasp
!?


plop
THANKS AGAIN! ♡
BYE-BYE ♫
how!
hop
FOLLOW HER AND SEE WHERE SHE LIVES!!
GO, AN!!
WHO'S THE GUY ON THE JELLY-FISH ?
KOHADA'S DAD?
hiyohiyohiyohiyohiyohiyohiyo
I'LL ASK THOSE OTHER GIRLS ABOUT TAMA!!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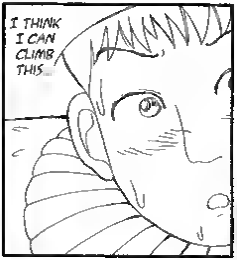
I THINK I CAN CLIMB THIS...

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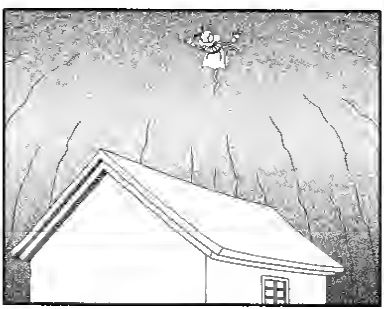
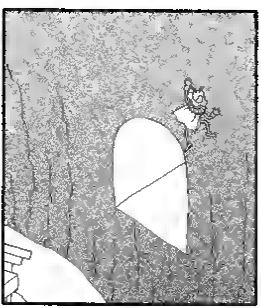
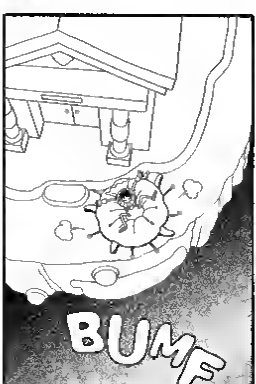
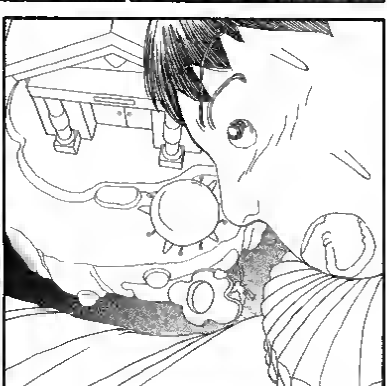
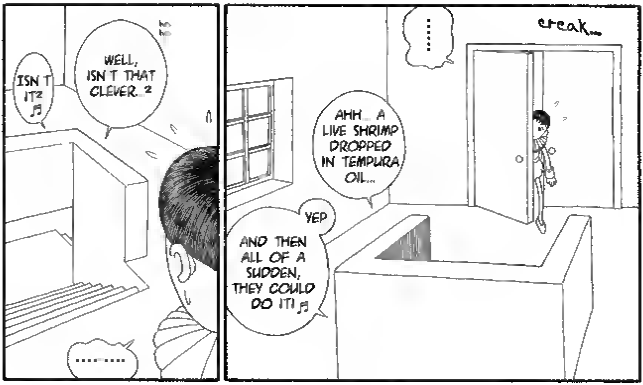
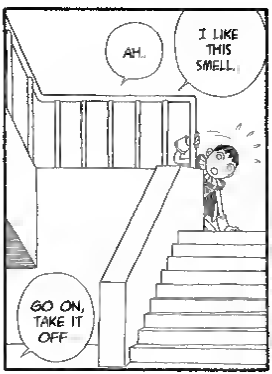




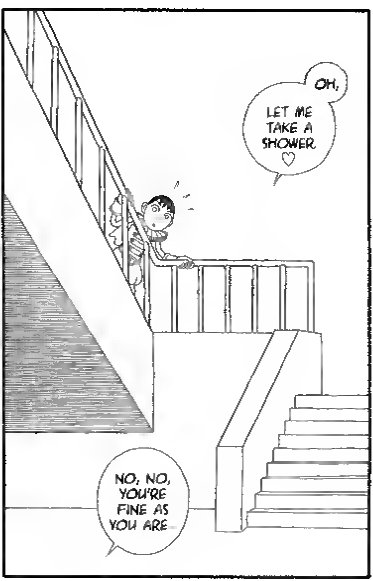

BUMF

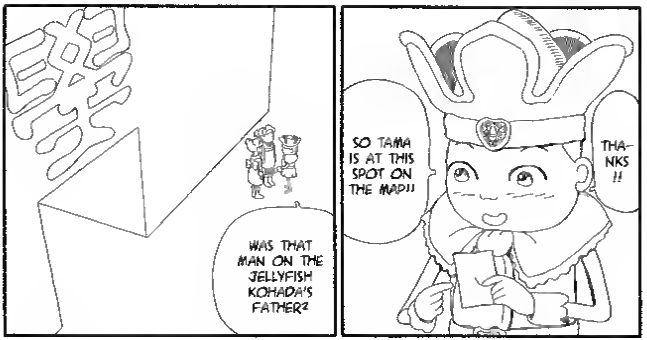


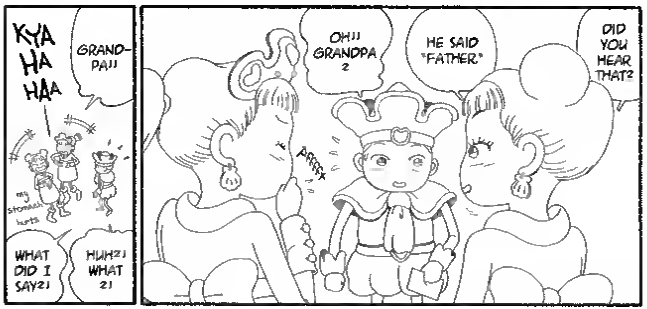

ISN'T IT? ♫
WELL, ISN'T THAT CLEVER...?
.....
.....
creak...
AHH... A LIVE SHRIMP DROPPED IN TEMPURA OIL...
YEP
AND THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN, THEY COULD DO IT! ♫

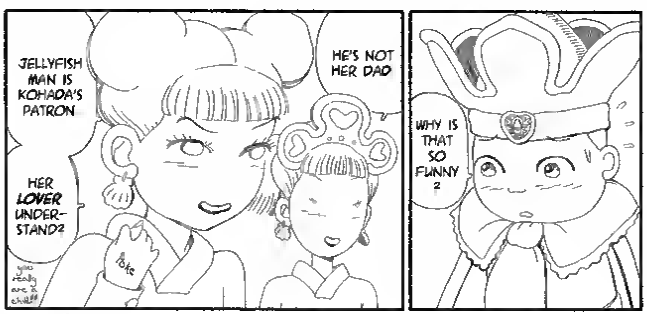

AH...
I LIKE THIS SMELL...
GO ON, TAKE IT OFF...

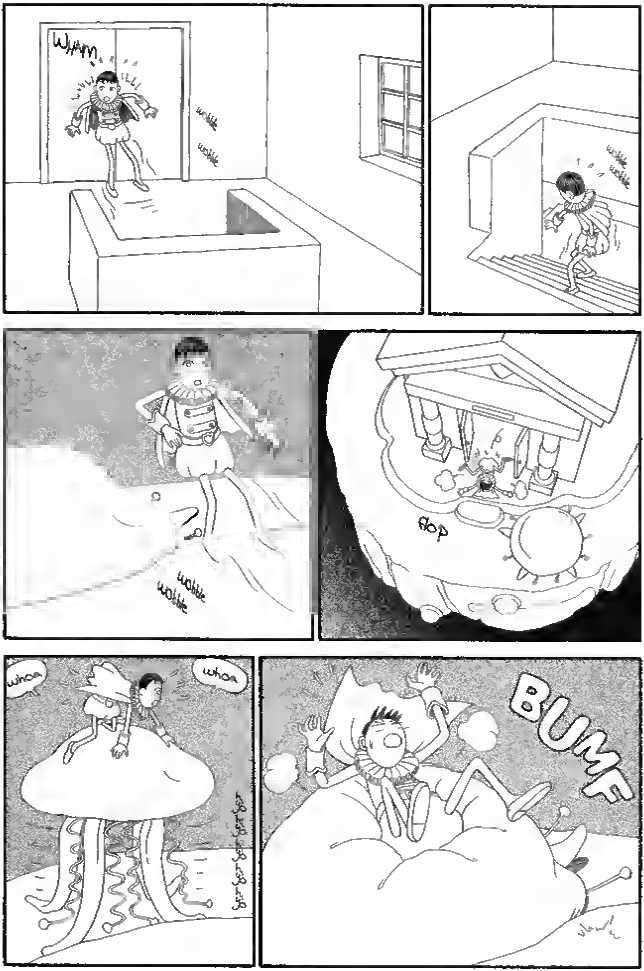
HUH ?!


OH, LET ME TAKE A SHOWER ♡
NO, NO, YOU'RE FINE AS YOU ARE...


WAS THAT MAN ON THE JELLYFISH KOHADA'S FATHER?
SO TAMA IS AT THIS SPOT ON THE MAP!!
THANKS !!


KYA HA HAA
GRANDPA!!
my stomach hurts
WHAT DID I SAY?!
HUH?! WHAT ?!
OH!! GRANDPA ?
HE SAID "FATHER."
DID YOU HEAR THAT?


JELLYFISH MAN IS KOHADA'S PATRON
HER LOVER UNDERSTAND?
HE'S NOT HER DAD
WHY IS THAT SO FUNNY ?


WHAM
wobble
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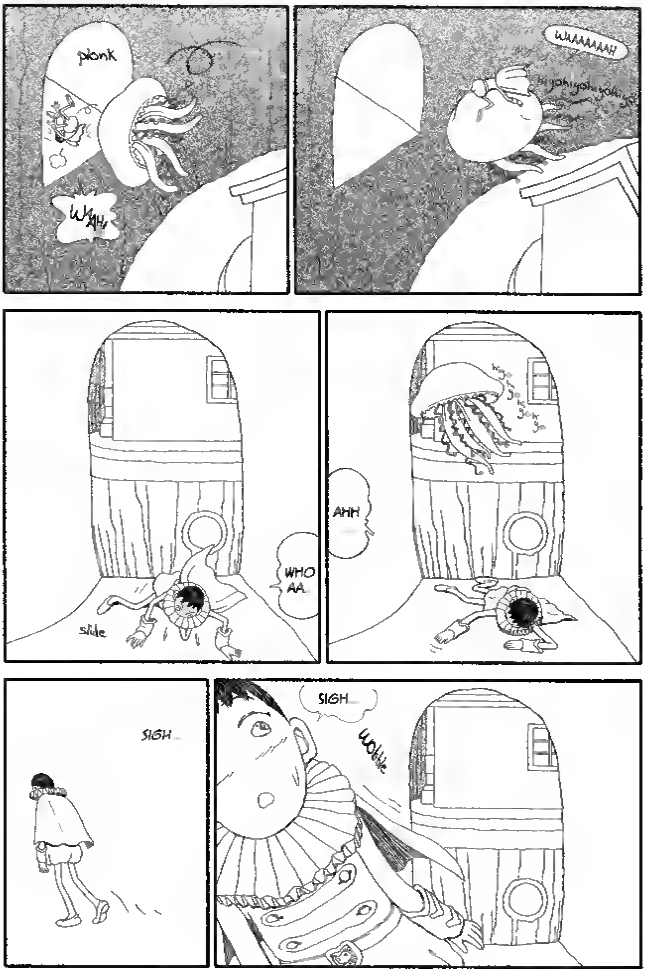
wobble
flop
whoa
whoa
BUMF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WHO AA
slide
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SIGH
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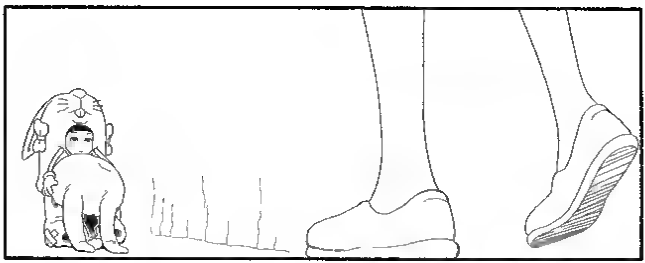
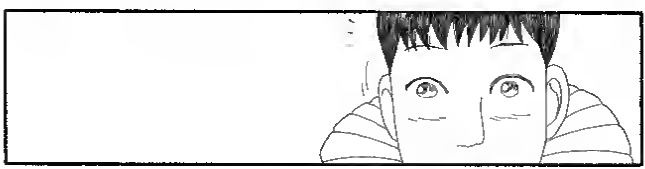
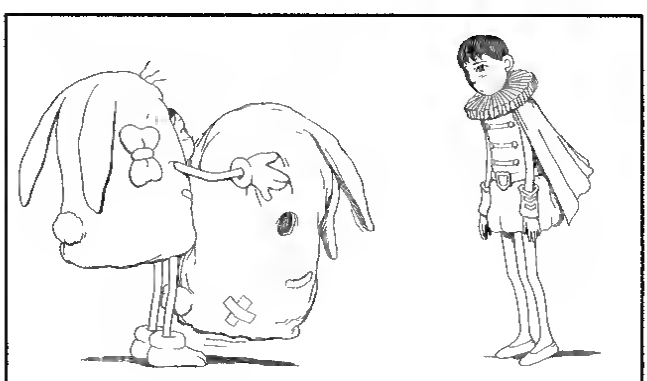
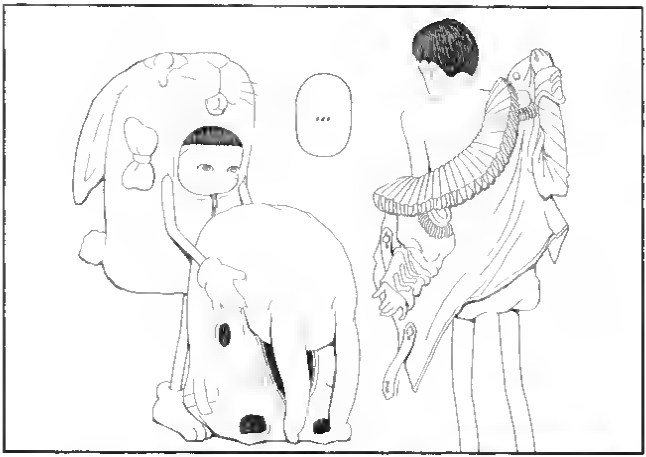
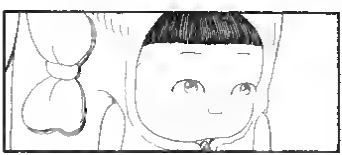
wobble

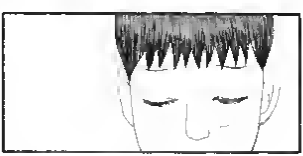


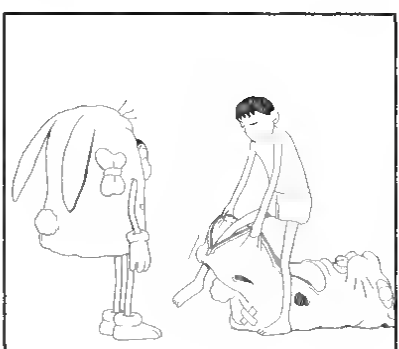


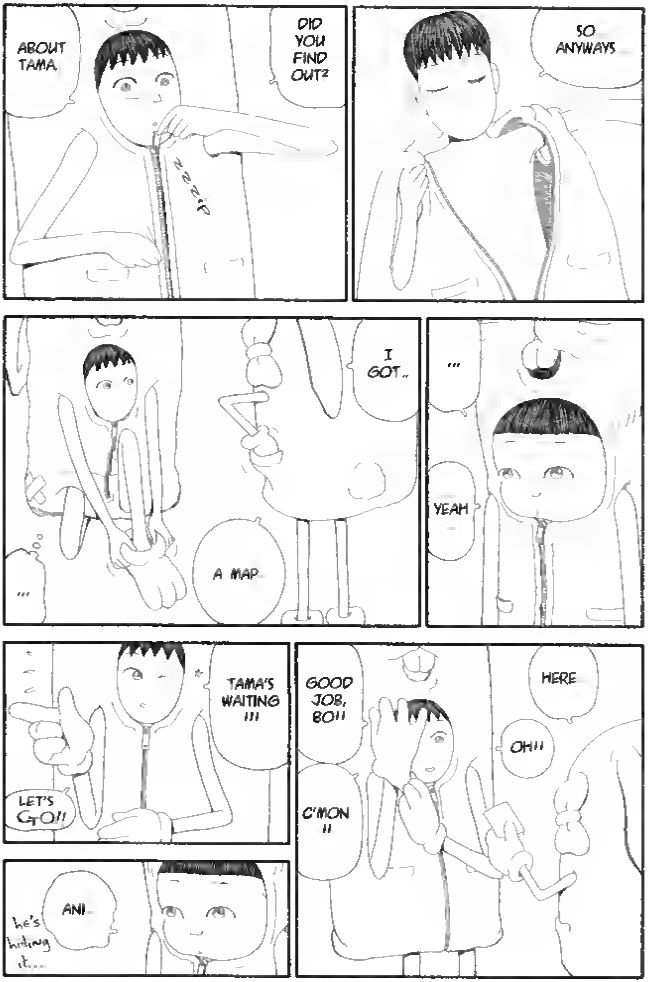











ABOUT TAMA
DID YOU FIND OUT?
ZZZIP
SO ANYWAYS
I GOT..
A MAP
...
...
YEAH
LET'S GO!!
TAMA'S WAITING !!!
ANI..
he's hiding it...
GOOD JOB, BO!!
C'MON !!
HERE
OH!!

WHAT A JOKE!! OH WELL, WHATEVER!! YOU CAN BE HAPPY ENOUGH FOR THE BOTH OF US, BO!!

RIGHT?!

ha ha

ha ha

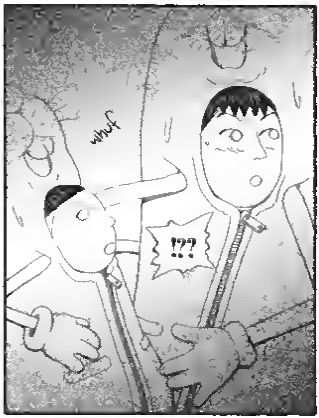
I DIDN'T LIKE HER *THAT* MUCH!!

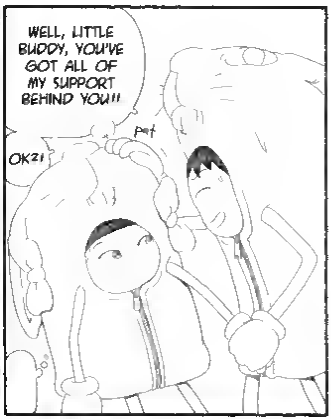
ha ha

OH WELL, NO BIG DEAL!!

ha ha

SO, MY LOVE SURE SANK LIKE A STONE!!





DRAGON GOD, O GENERATOR OF POWER TO RYUGUDEN, WHY HAVE YOU HALTED YOUR DUTIES?

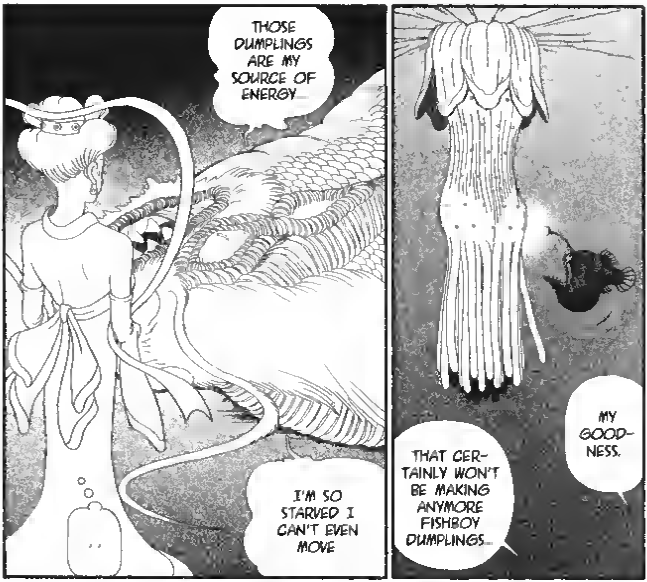
gasssspp...

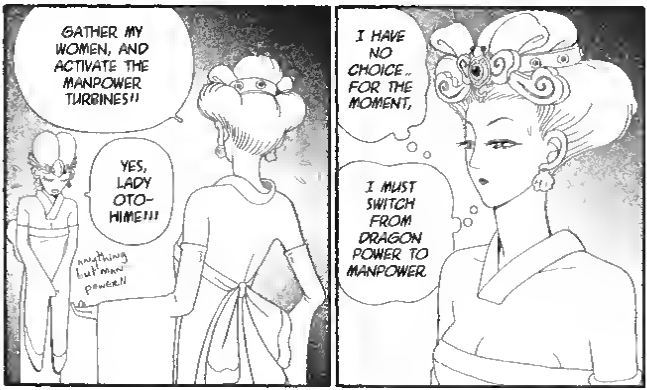
huff huff

I'LL TELL YOU WHY, LADY OTOHIME— LOOK ABOVE YOU—

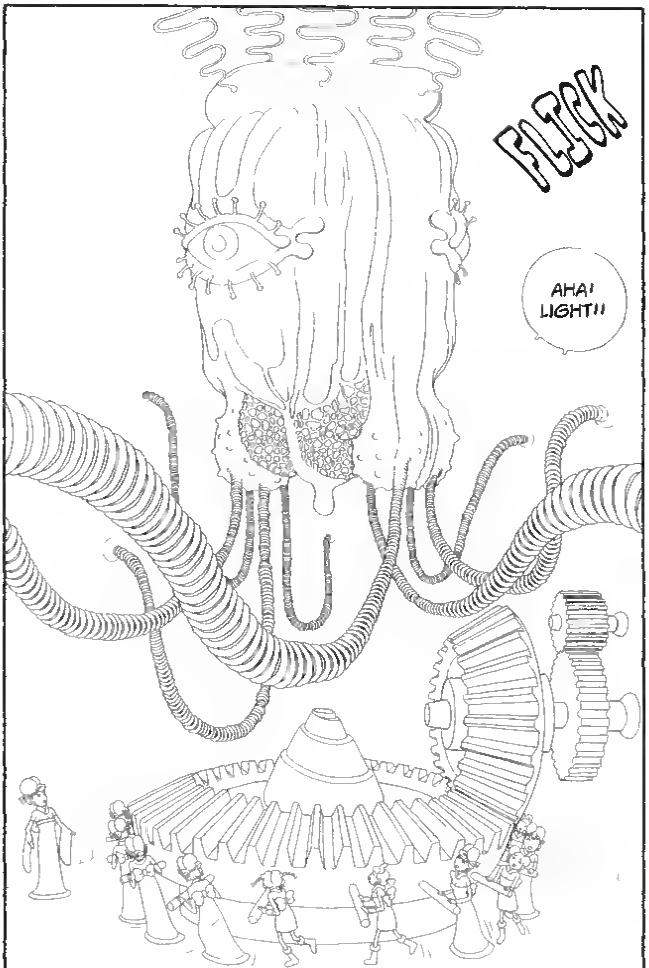
?

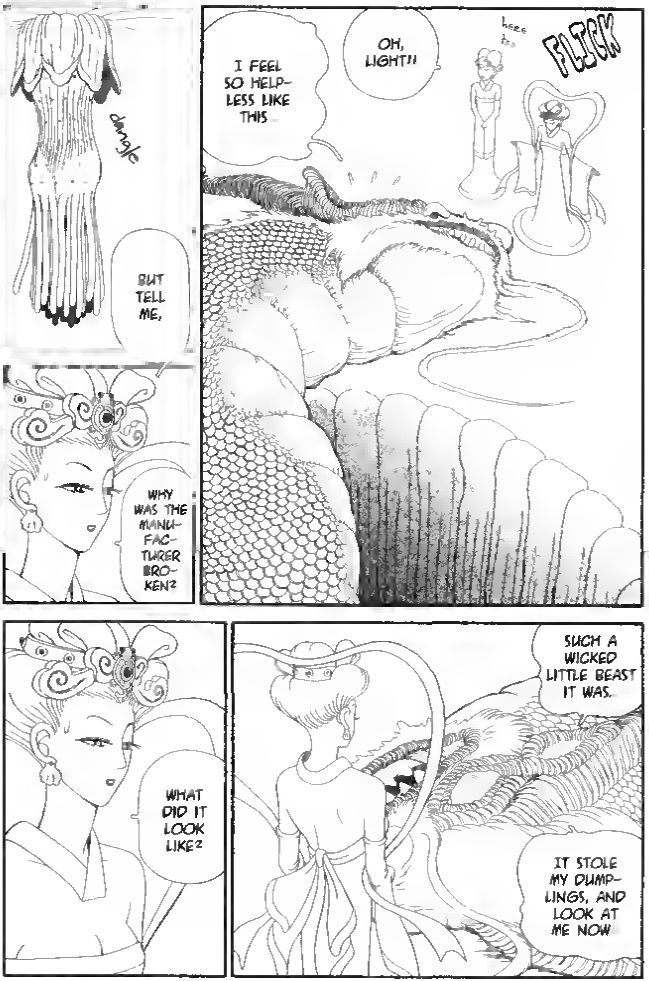
OH!!!

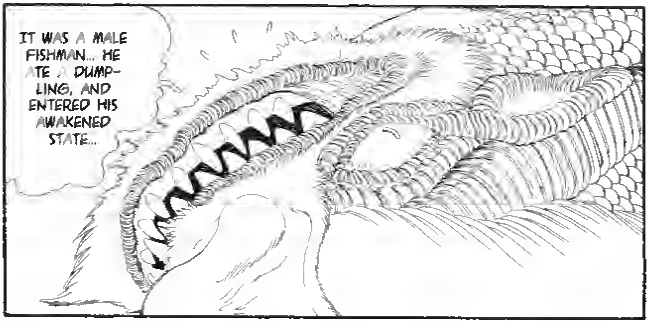

THOSE DUMPLINGS ARE MY SOURCE OF ENERGY...
I'M SO STARVED I CAN'T EVEN MOVE
MY GOOD-NESS.
THAT CER-TAINLY WON'T BE MAKING ANYMORE FISHBOY DUMPLINGS...

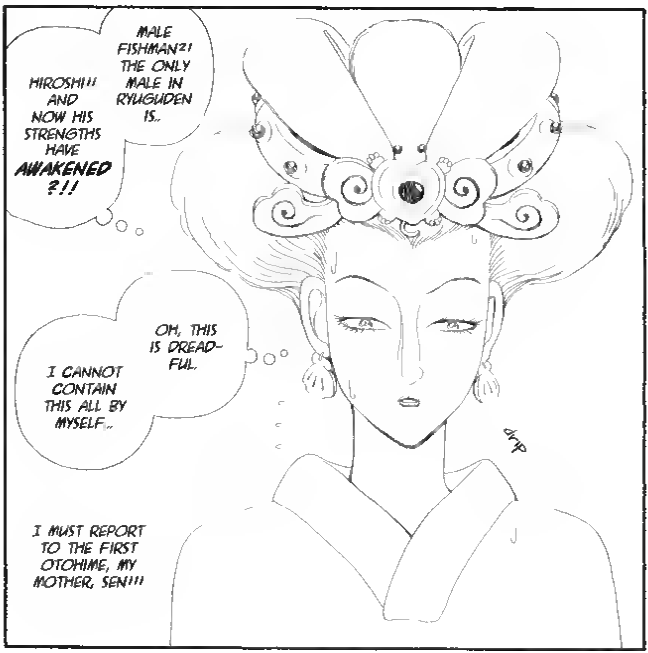

GATHER MY WOMEN, AND ACTIVATE THE MANPOWER TURBINES!!
YES, LADY OTO-HIME!!!
anything but man power!!
I HAVE NO CHOICE... FOR THE MOMENT,
I MUST SWITCH FROM DRAGON POWER TO MANPOWER.

THEY SAID SOMEONE DESTROYED THE DRAGON GOD'S DUMPLING MANUFACTURER!!
GRIND GRIND
AAAGH, MY ARMS HURT!!
WHY DO WE HAVE TO DO THIS HARD LABOR?!!
GRIND GRIND
THIS SUCKS !!!
WHO WAS STUPID ENOUGH TO DO THAT?! THEY DESERVE TO DIE!!!
GRIND GRIND
PUSH LIKE YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON IT... YOU WENCHES !!!
NO MORE TALKING!!! IF YOU DON'T GET THIS SPINNING, WE'LL NEVER HAVE POWER AGAIN!!!
GRIND GRIND
YEAH, AND THE DRAGON GOD IS THE REACTOR!!
SO IF YOU THINK OF IT LIKE NUCLEAR POWER, THE DUMPLINGS ARE LIKE URANIUM, RIGHT?


FLICK
AHA! LIGHT!!

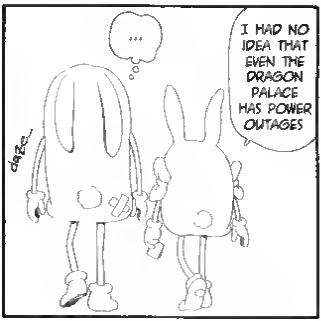

damage
BUT TELL ME,
WHY WAS THE MANU-FAC-TURER BRO-KEN?
I FEEL SO HELP-LESS LIKE THIS...
OH, LIGHT!!
here to...
FLICK
WHAT DID IT LOOK LIKE?
SUCH A WICKED LITTLE BEAST IT WAS...
IT STOLE MY DUMP-LINGS, AND LOOK AT ME NOW...

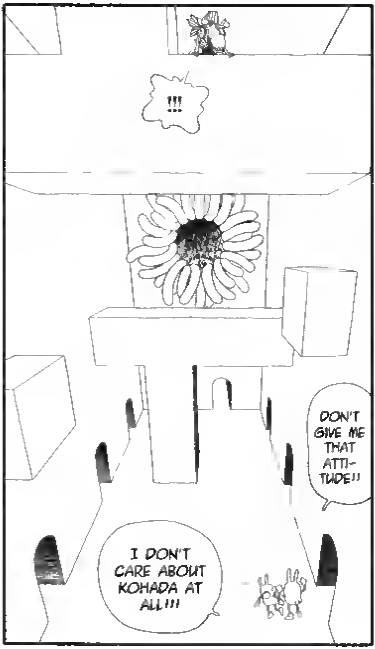

IT WAS A MALE FISHMAN... HE ATE A DUMPLING, AND ENTERED HIS AWAKENED STATE...

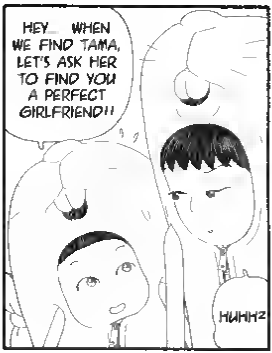

MALE FISHMAN?! THE ONLY MALE IN RYUGUDEN IS..
HIROSHI!! AND NOW HIS STRENGTHS HAVE AWAKENED ?!!
OH, THIS IS DREADFUL.
I CANNOT CONTAIN THIS ALL BY MYSELF..
drip
I MUST REPORT TO THE FIRST OTOHIME, MY MOTHER, SEN!!!

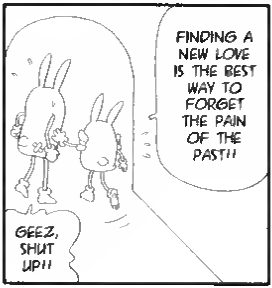
MAN, I'M GONNA KILL THAT AN!!! I CAN'T BELIEVE HE STABBED ME WITH THAT CRAB CLAW!!
HEY, IT'S ALREADY HEALED!! DUMPLING POWER IS COOL!!
NOW WHERE ARE AN! AND BO?! AND WHAT SHALL I DO WITH THEM WHEN I FIND THEM?!
WELL, THIS IS RYUGUDEN TERMINAL, SO I'M SURE I'LL FIND THEM IF I JUST WAIT HERE LONG ENOUGH!!

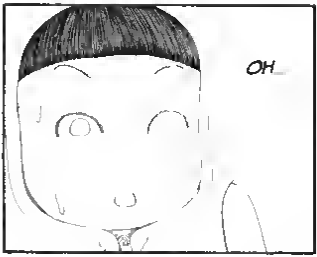
ANI'S STILL FEELING DOWN. I GUESS THAT SHOW OF LIVELINESS EARLIER REALLY WAS JUST A SHOW...
KO-HA-DA.
KO-HA-DA...

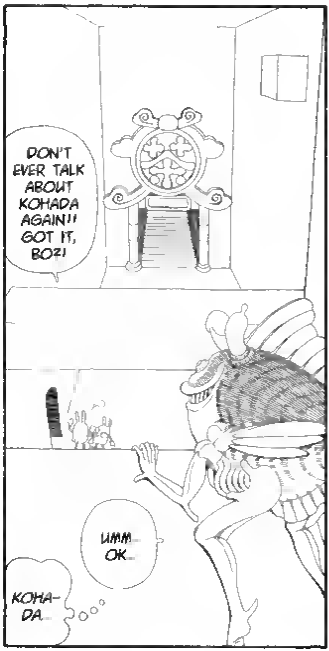

...
I HAD NO IDEA THAT EVEN THE DRAGON PALACE HAS POWER OUTAGES
daze...


!!!
DON'T GIVE ME THAT ATTI-TUDE!!
I DON'T CARE ABOUT KOHADA AT ALL!!!

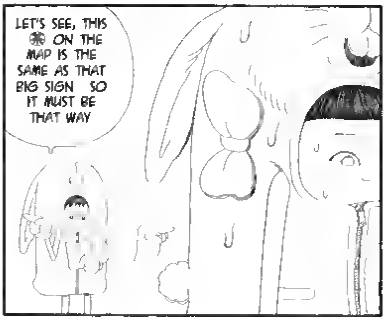

HEY... WHEN WE FIND TAMA, LET'S ASK HER TO FIND YOU A PERFECT GIRLFRIEND!!
HUHH?


FINDING A NEW LOVE IS THE BEST WAY TO FORGET THE PAIN OF THE PAST!!
GEEZ, SHUT UP!!

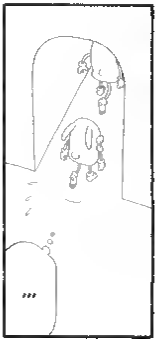

OH...


DON'T EVER TALK ABOUT KOHADA AGAIN!! GOT IT, BOZI
UMM... OK...
KOHA-DA...

THIS IS THE PLACE WHERE...
茶屋町


LET'S SEE, THIS ⊛ ON THE MAP IS THE SAME AS THAT BIG SIGN SO IT MUST BE THAT WAY

TAMA...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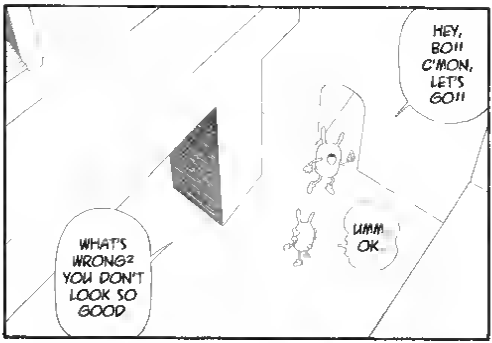
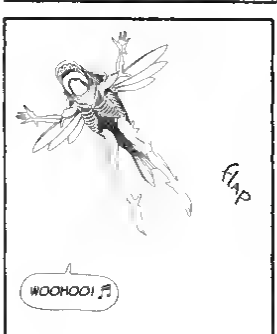
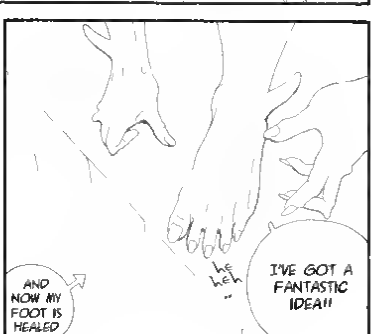
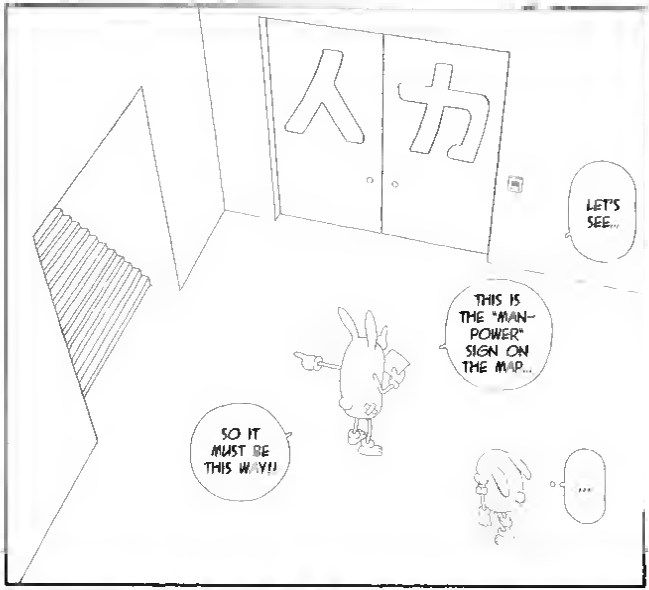

HEY, BO!! C'MON, LET'S GO!!
UMM OK...
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU DON'T LOOK SO GOOD

BO FEELS TERRIBLE
bwahh...
AND NOW ANI LIKES KOHADA
EVEN THOUGH I DID IT
...
...
...
EURE-KA!!


FLAP
WOOHOO! ♬


AND NOW MY FOOT IS HEALED
he heh
I'VE GOT A FANTASTIC IDEA!!


LET'S SEE...
THIS IS THE "MAN-POWER" SIGN ON THE MAP...
SO IT MUST BE THIS WAY!!
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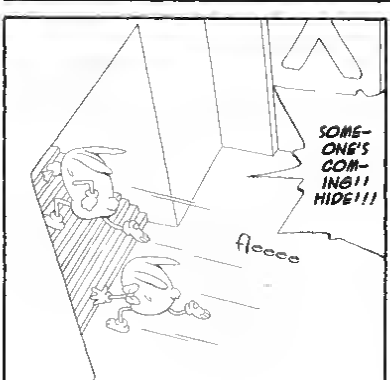
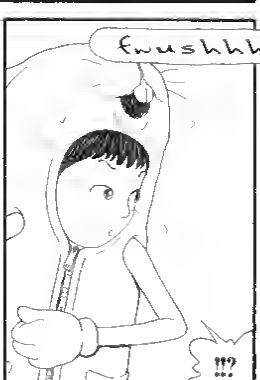

SOME-ONE'S COM-ING!! HIDE!!!
fleeee


fwushhhh
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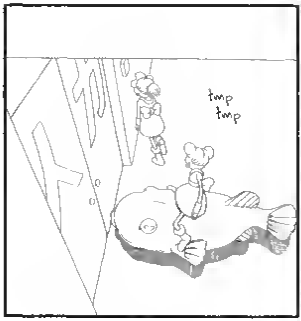
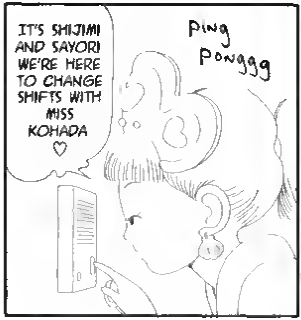
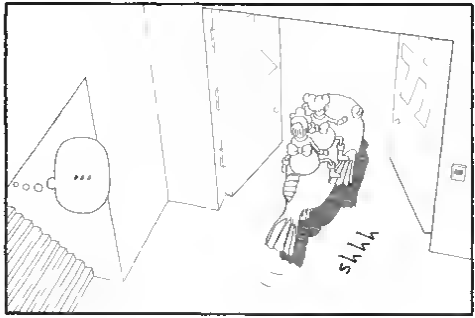

tmp
tmp

fwushhh
skkee
OH!!


IT'S SHIJIMI AND SAYORI WE'RE HERE TO CHANGE SHIFTS WITH MISS KOHADA ♡
Ping
Ponggg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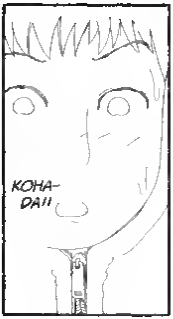
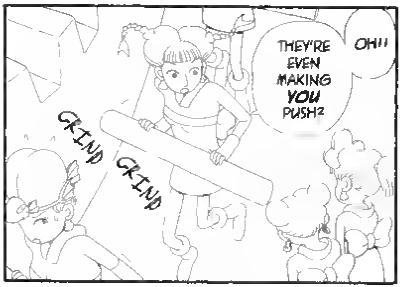
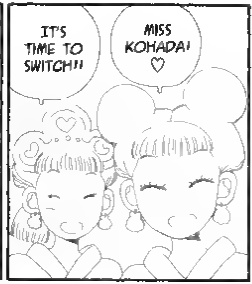
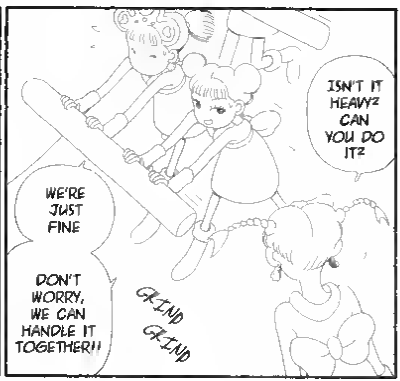
shhh

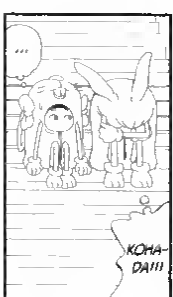

KOHA-
DA!!


THEY'RE EVEN MAKING YOU PUSH?
OH!!
GRIND
GRIND


IT'S TIME TO SWITCH!!
MISS KOHADA! ♡

GRIND GRIND
WELL, IF YOU SAY SO
GOOD-BYE, EVERY-ONE!!


ISN'T IT HEAVY? CAN YOU DO IT?
WE'RE JUST FINE
DON'T WORRY, WE CAN HANDLE IT TOGETHER!!
GRIND GRIND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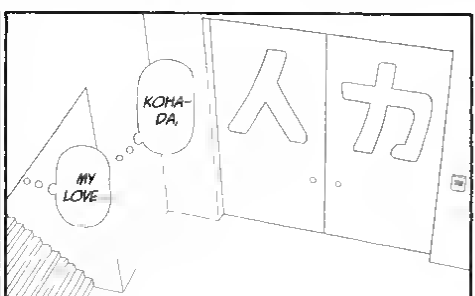
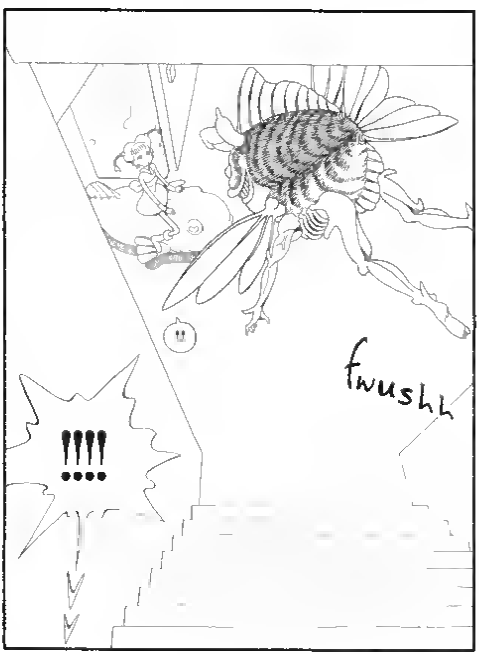
KOHA-DA!!!


KOHA-DA,
MY LOVE
ハ
カ

shhh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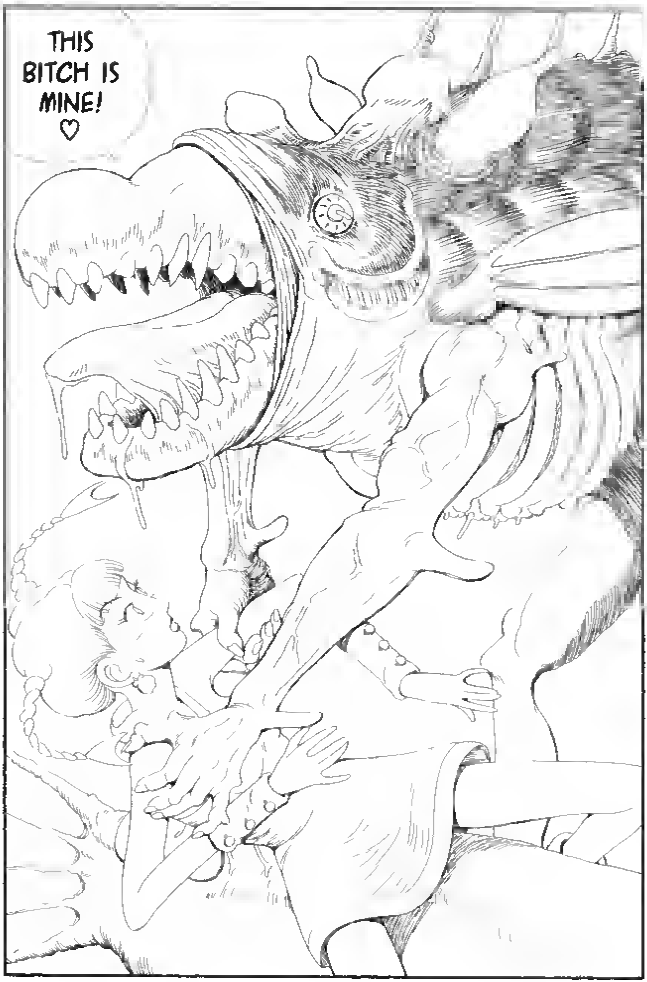
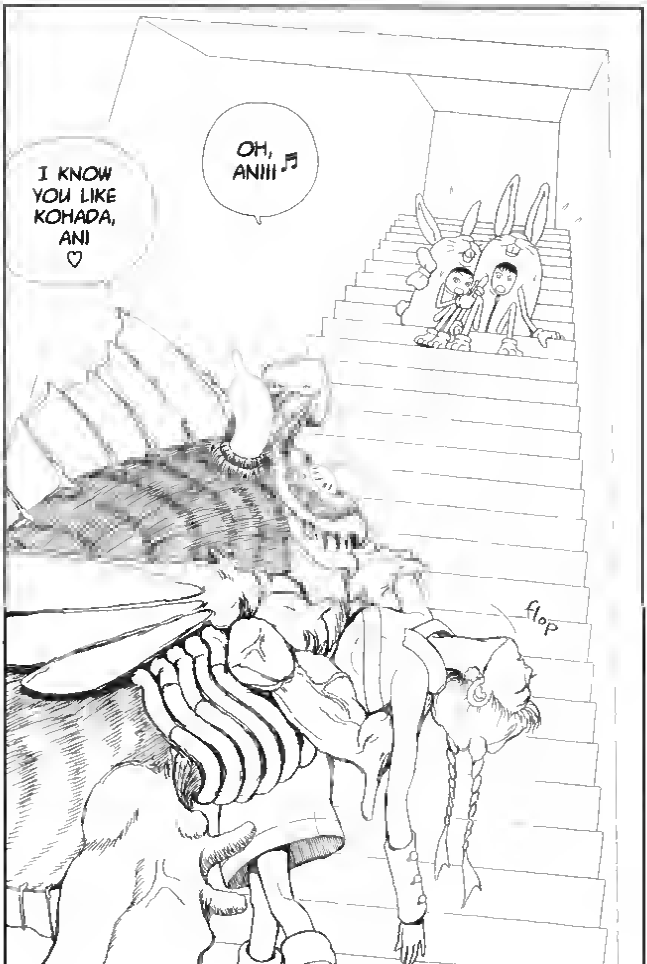
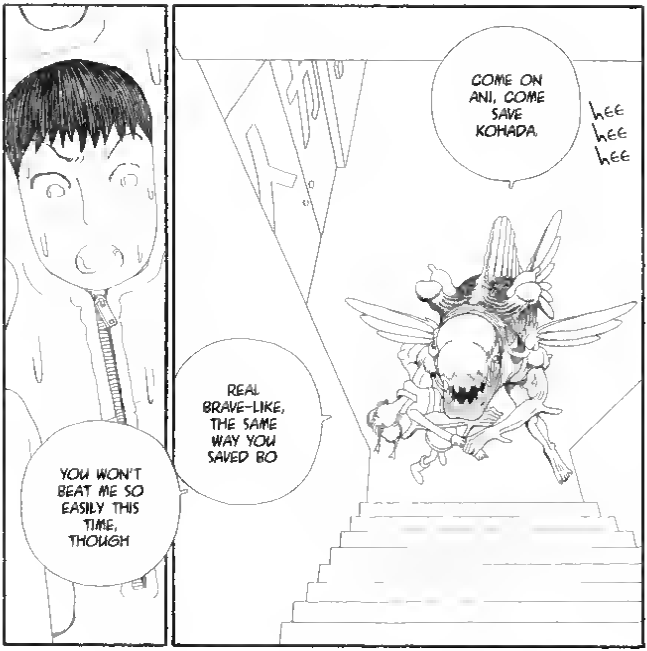
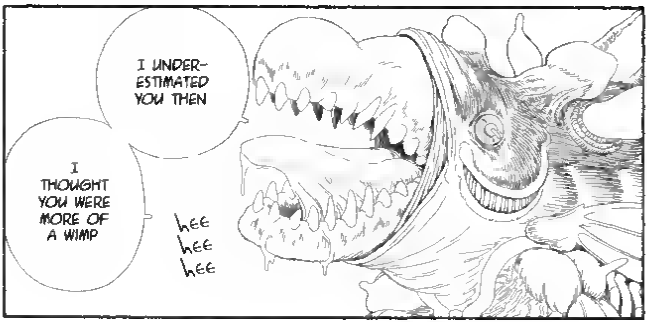
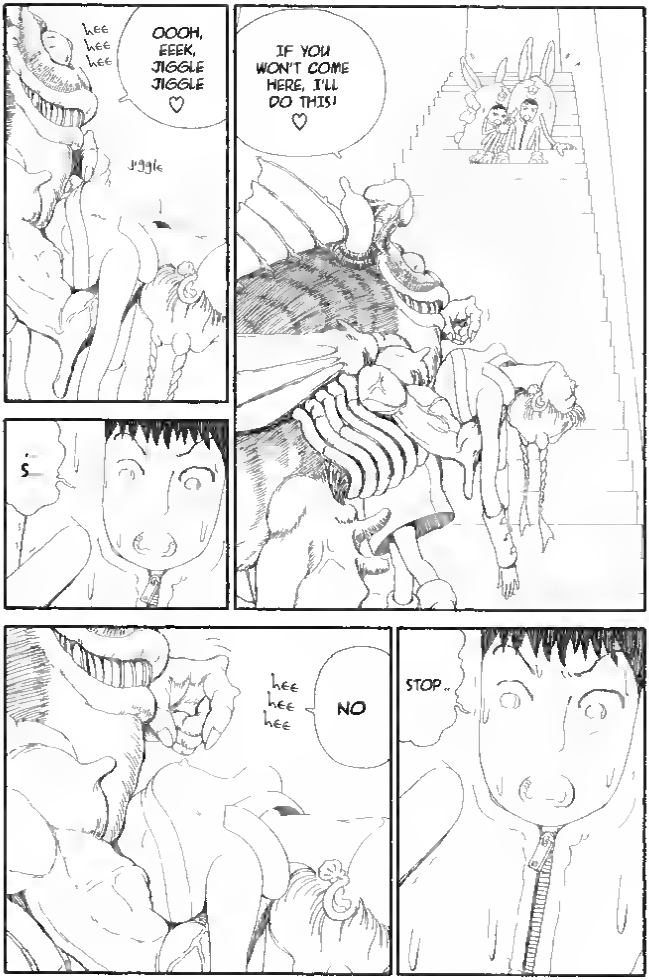
fwushh

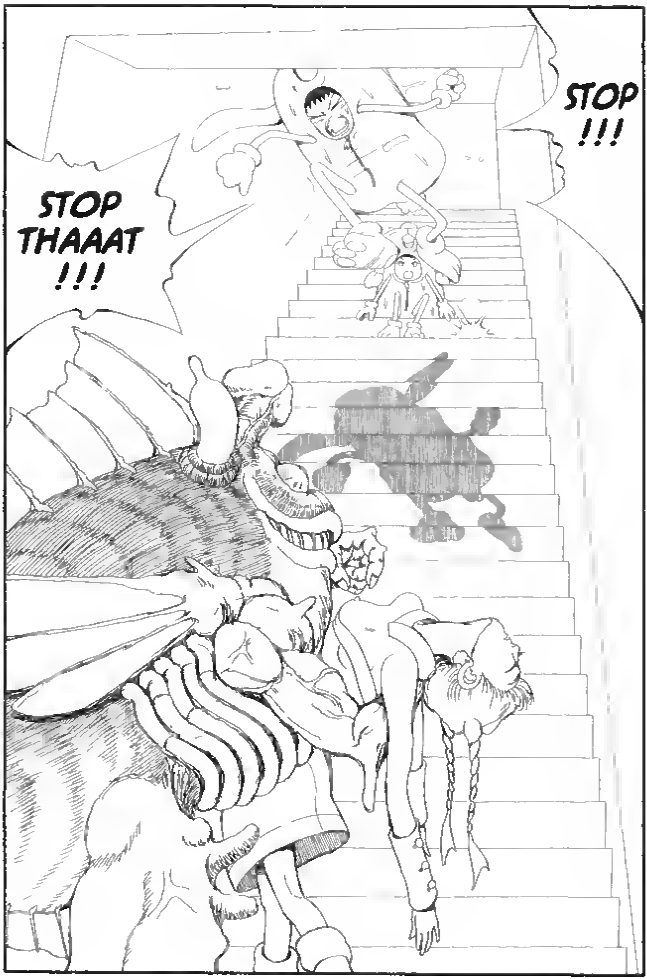

THIS BITCH IS MINE! ♡


I KNOW YOU LIKE KOHADA, ANI ♡
OH, ANIII ♫
flop

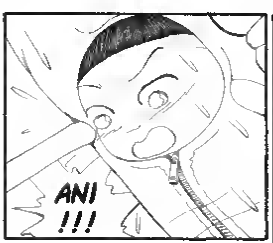

YOU WON'T BEAT ME SO EASILY THIS TIME, THOUGH
REAL BRAVE-LIKE, THE SAME WAY YOU SAVED BO
COME ON ANI, COME SAVE KOHADA.
hee hee hee


I THOUGHT YOU WERE MORE OF A WIMP
I UNDER-ESTIMATED YOU THEN
hee hee hee

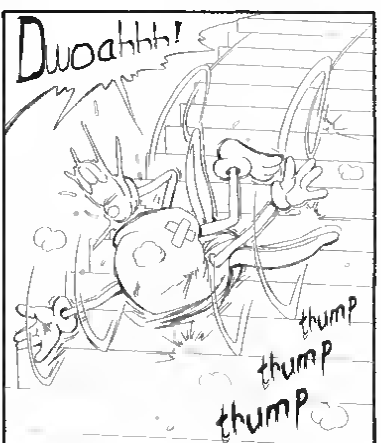

hee hee hee
OOOH, EEEK, JIGGLE JIGGLE ♡
jiggle
IF YOU WON'T COME HERE, I'LL DO THIS! ♡
S
hee hee hee
NO
STOP..


STOP THAAAT !!!
STOP !!!

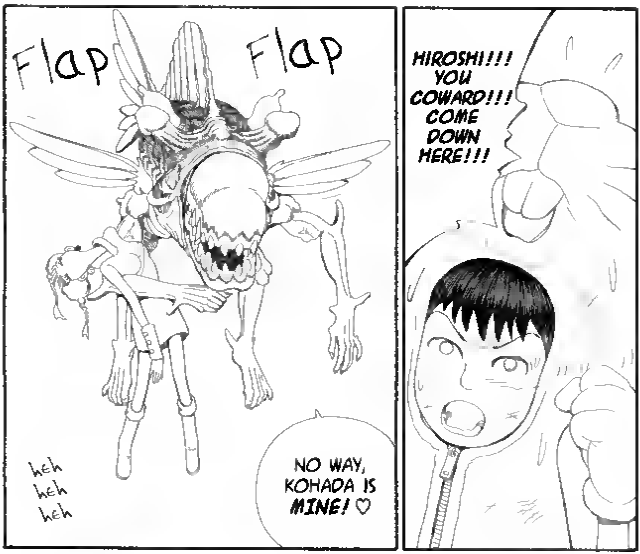
AAACK!
SPLAT
PFUT

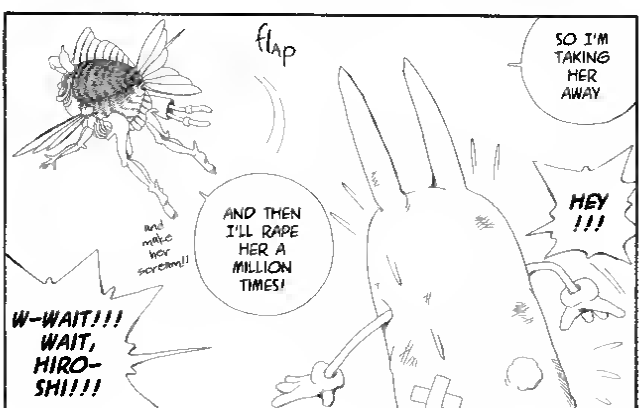

ANI
!!!

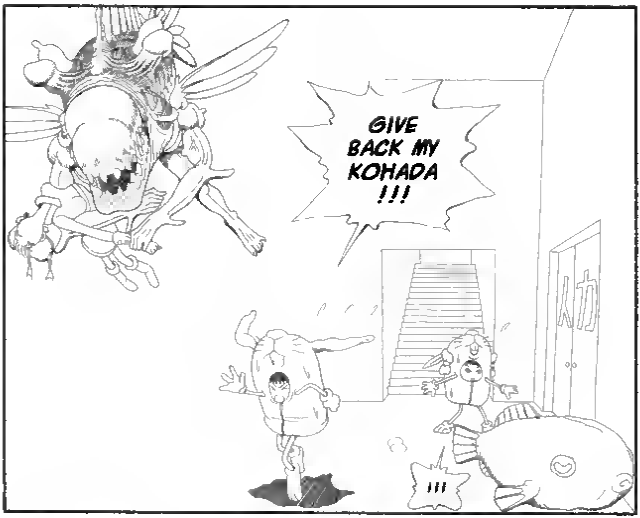
NNN


Dwoahhh!
thump
thump
thump

flap
hee hee hee
flap
C'MON, ANI!! COME GET ME!!!
ANI!! ARE YOU OK?!
DAMN IT!!


Flap
Flap
heh heh heh
NO WAY, KOHADA IS MINE! ♡
HIROSHI!!! YOU COWARD!!! COME DOWN HERE!!!


flap
SO I'M TAKING HER AWAY
HEY !!!
AND THEN I'LL RAPE HER A MILLION TIMES!
and make her scream!!
W-WAIT!!! WAIT, HIRO-SHI!!!


GIVE BACK MY KOHADA !!!
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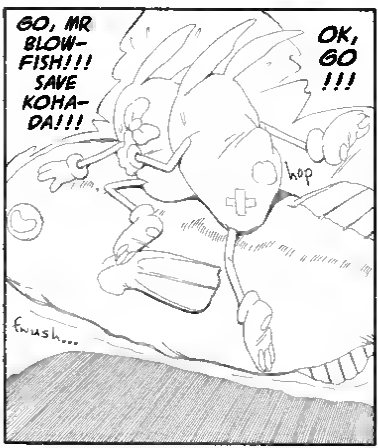
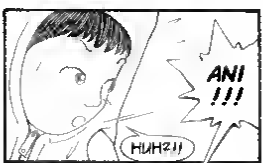
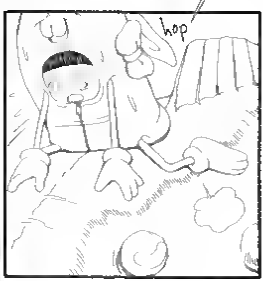
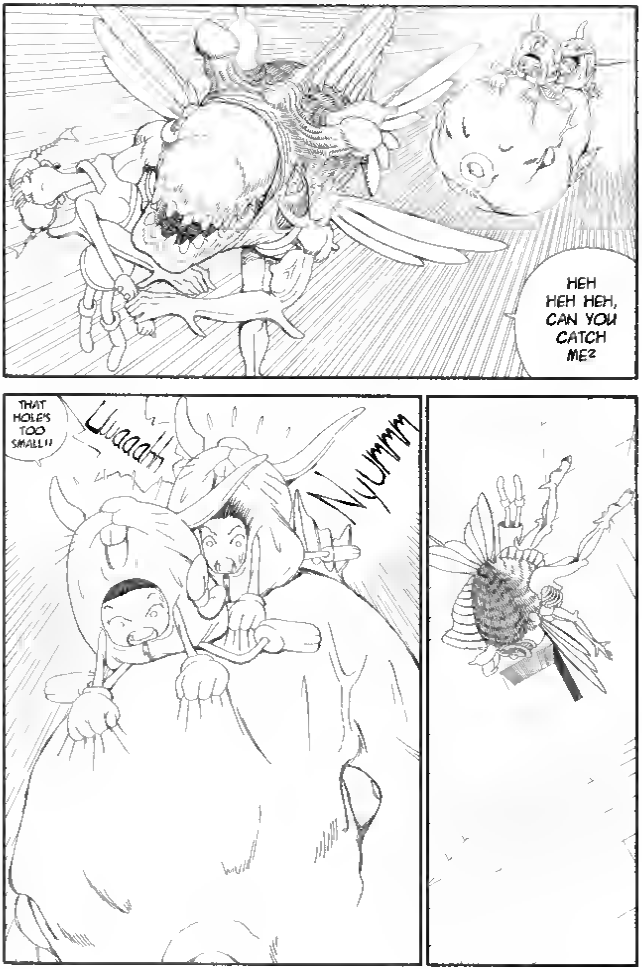
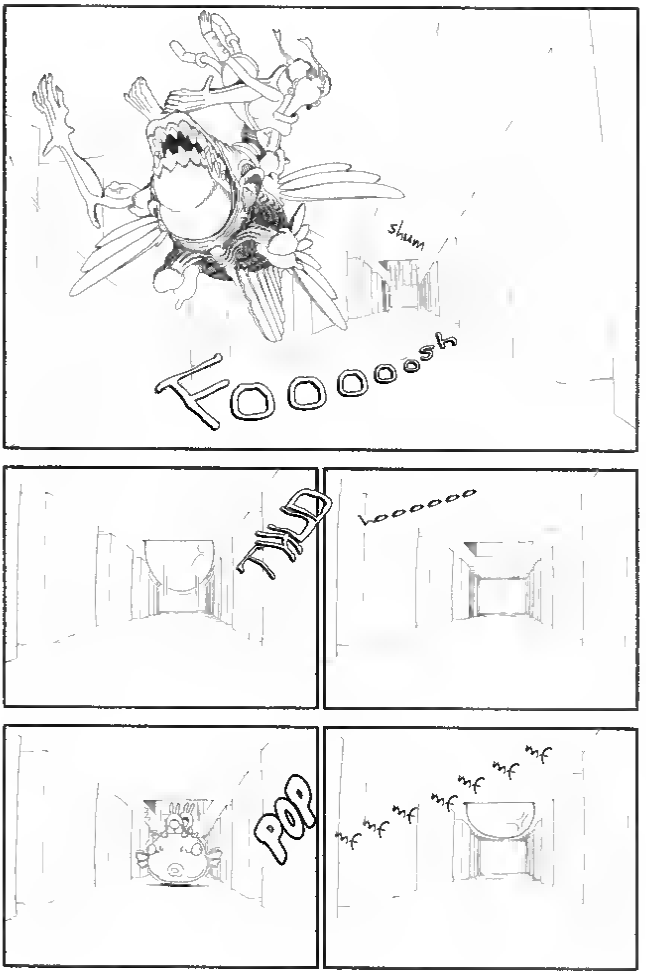

GO, MR BLOW-FISH!!! SAVE KOHA-DA!!!
OK, GO !!!
hop
fwush...

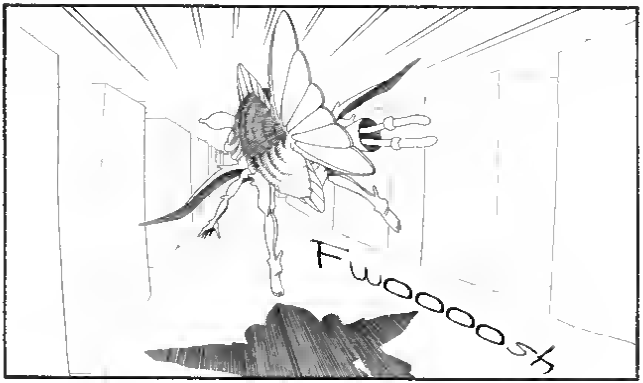

ANI !!!
HUHZ!!


hop

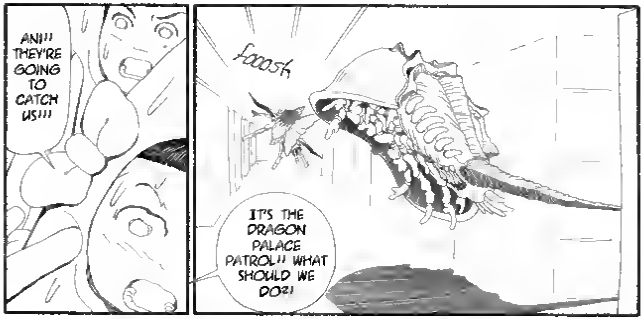
GO FASTER, MR. BLOW-FISH !!!
PAT PAT
IT'S SO SLOW !!!
WHAT THE HECK ?!!
FUKUG
FUKUG
FUKUG
!!!
POOF
FLY, YOU FAT PIG!!!
whack
Fwum

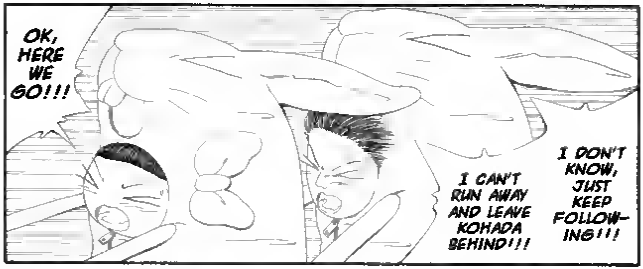

HEH HEH HEH, CAN YOU CATCH ME?
THAT HOLE'S TOO SMALL!!
Uuaaahh
Nyummm

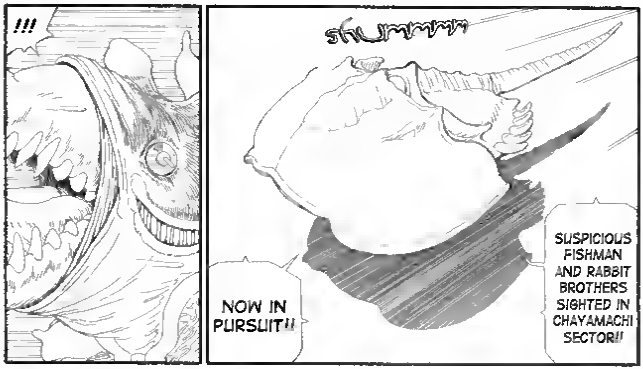

shum
Fooooosh
looooooo
POP
mf mf mf mf mf mf mf


Fwoooosh

fooosh
!!?


AN!!! THEY'RE GOING TO CATCH US!!!
Fwoosh
IT'S THE DRAGON PALACE PATROL!! WHAT SHOULD WE DO?!


OK, HERE WE GO!!!
I CAN'T RUN AWAY AND LEAVE KOHADA BEHIND!!!
I DON'T KNOW, JUST KEEP FOLLOW-ING!!!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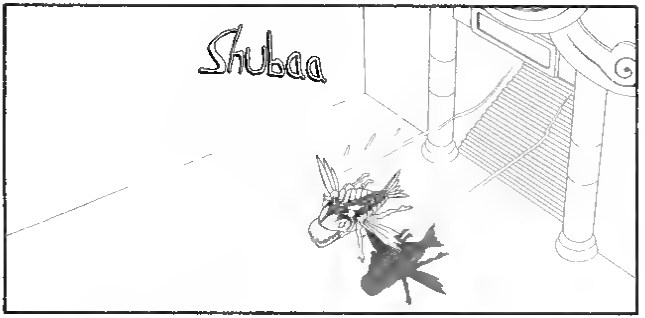
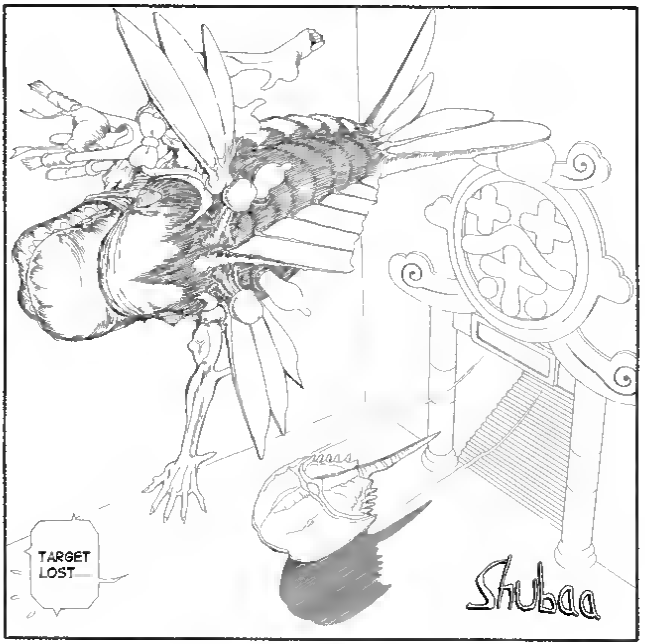
NOW IN PURSUIT!!
SUSPICIOUS FISHMAN AND RABBIT BROTHERS SIGHTED IN CHAYAMACHI SECTOR!!


Shubaa


TARGET LOST
Shubaa

SQUSH
HERE I AM!♡
CRACK

I BEAT IT! THAT WAS EASY!!

LOOK, HERE'S KOHADA, RIGHT HERE!

her pre-lies are hang-ing out

twitch twitch

WHAT'S WRONG? YOU CHASED ME, DIDN'T YOU? AREN'T YOU GONNA ATTACK?

COME ON

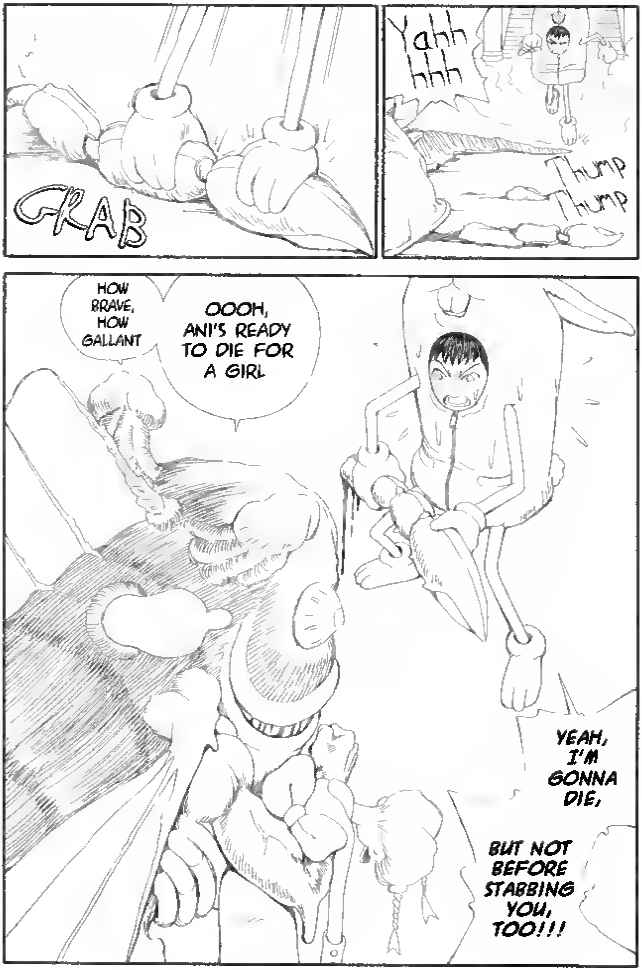
HURRY UP, OR I'LL SCREW KOHADA RIGHT NOW

wussy boy!!

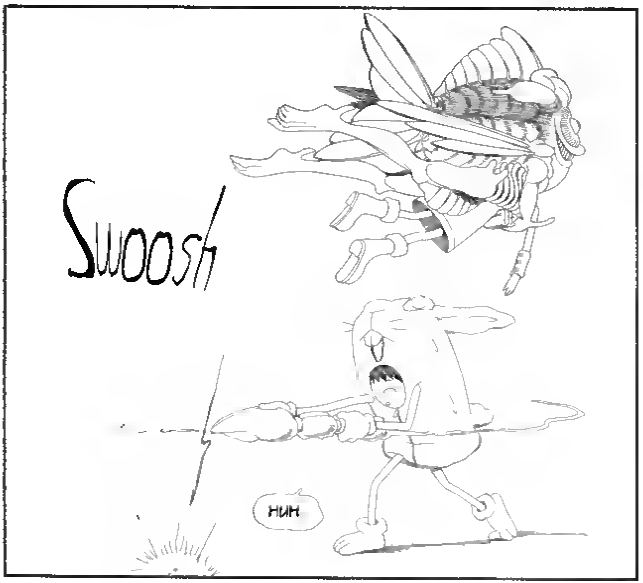
W WE'RE GONNA DIE

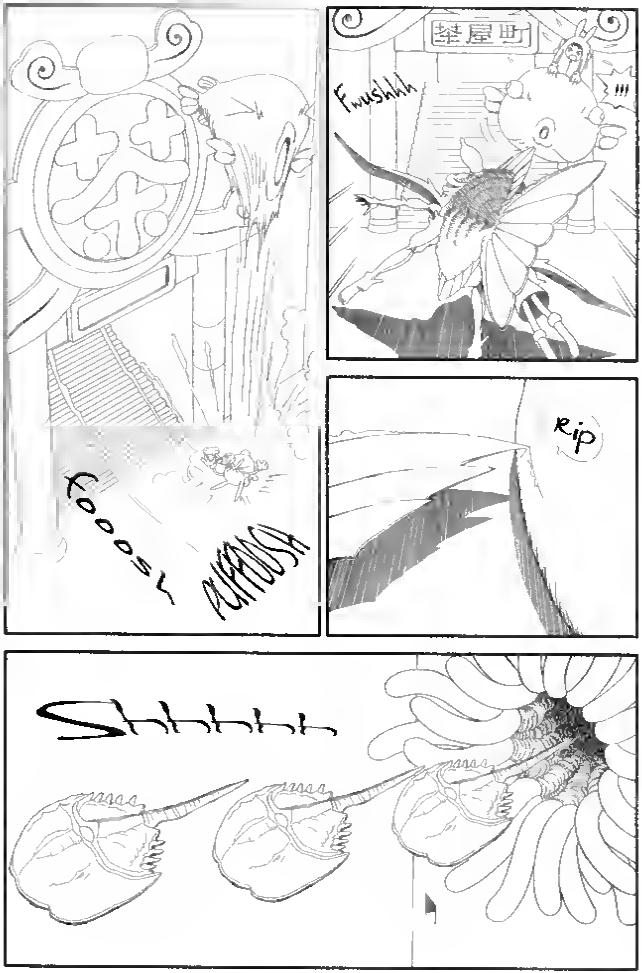
shiver...

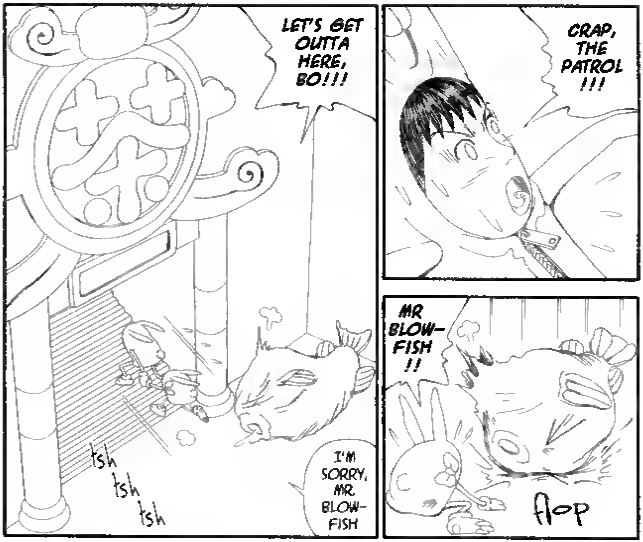
KOHADA !!!
DIE FOR KOHADA !!!
I COULD,
I I
ANI !!!
dash
I'M READY TO DIE!!!


GRAB
Yahh hhh
Thump Thump
HOW BRAVE, HOW GALLANT
OOOH, ANI'S READY TO DIE FOR A GIRL
YEAH, I'M GONNA DIE,
BUT NOT BEFORE STABBING YOU, TOO!!!

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?!!
shhh
...
!?

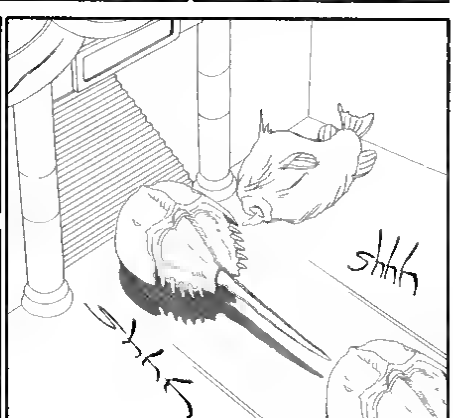

Swoosh
HUH


Fwushhh
!!!
Rip
Shhhhh

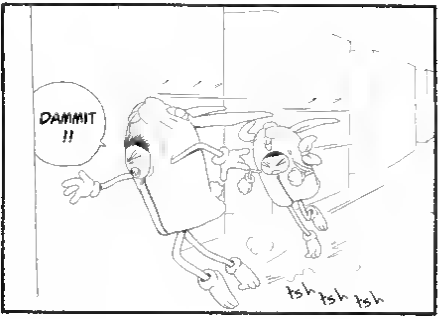

LET'S GET OUTTA HERE, BO!!!
tsh tsh tsh
I'M SORRY, MR. BLOW-FISH
CRAP, THE PATROL !!!
MR BLOW-FISH !!
flop

tsh tsh

WHERE DID THAT BIG JERK GO?!!

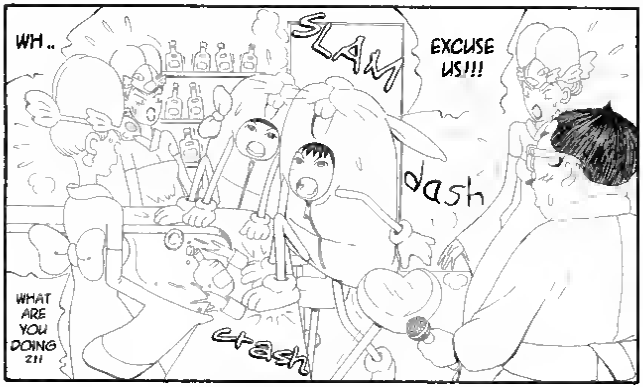

shhh
shhh

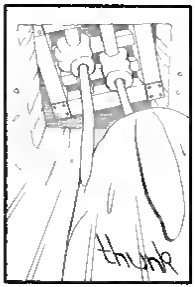
SNACK
SACAE
SING & DANCE


DAMMIT !!
tsh tsh tsh

WHERE?
TARGETS DIS-APPEARED IN PATHWAYS

WHAM
huff
huff
huff
huff
huff
huff
huff
huff
!?
MARY JAANE


WH..
SLAM
EXCUSE US!!!
dash
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ZII
crash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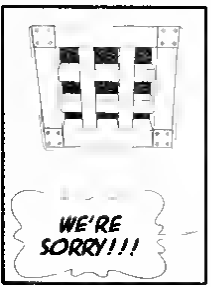
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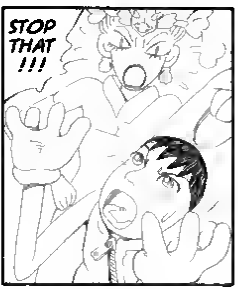
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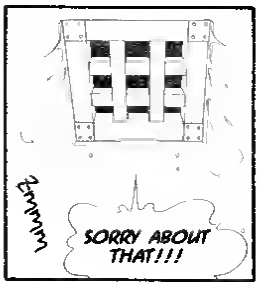
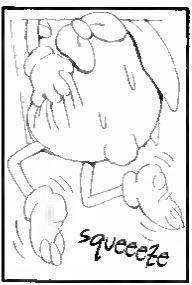

zzzzzz
SORRY ABOUT THAT!!!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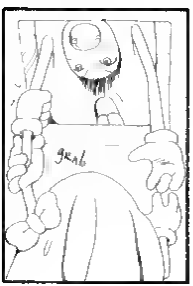
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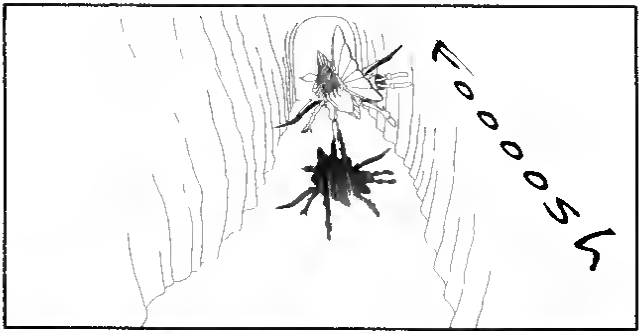
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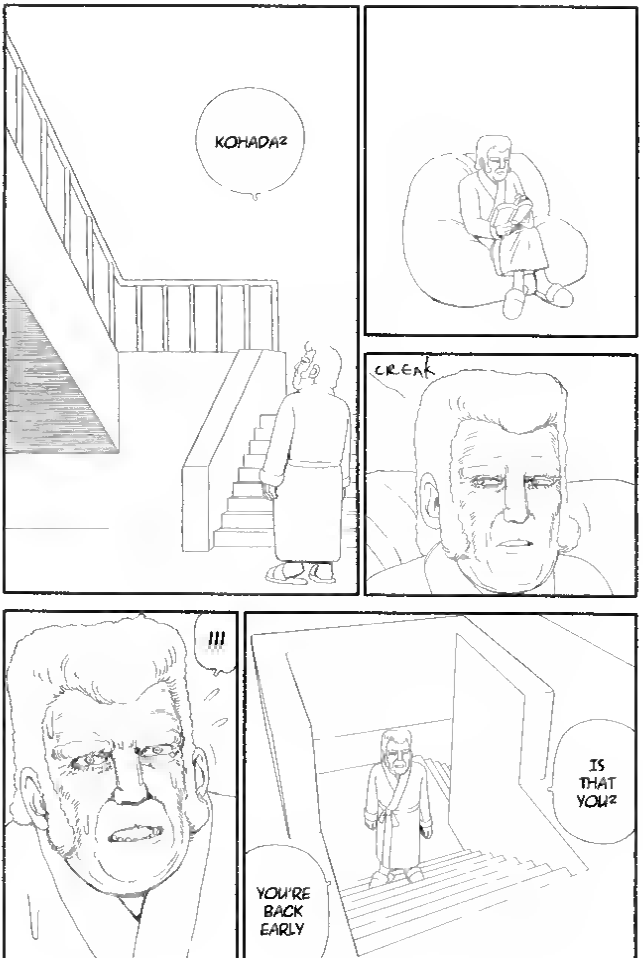
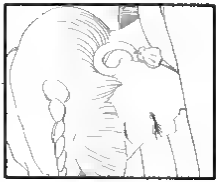
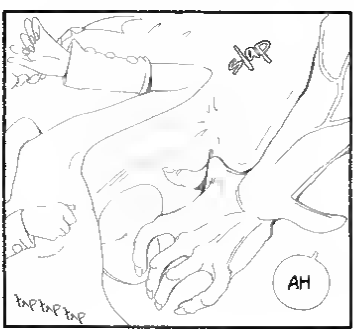

KOHADA?
CREAK
!!!
IS THAT YOU?
YOU'RE BACK EARLY



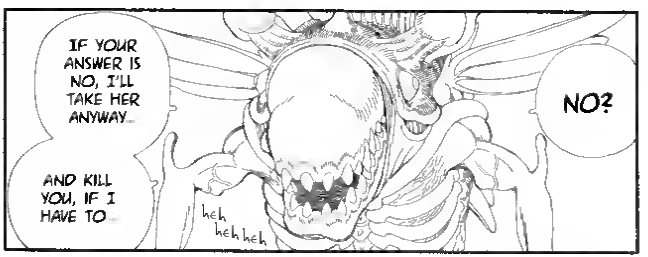
WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH KOHADA...?
!!!

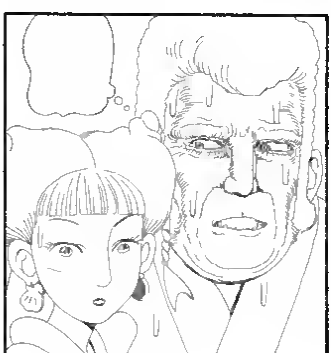
GOOD EVENING.
ERR... G-GOOD EVENING...
...
I'M HIROSHI
W-WHAT...

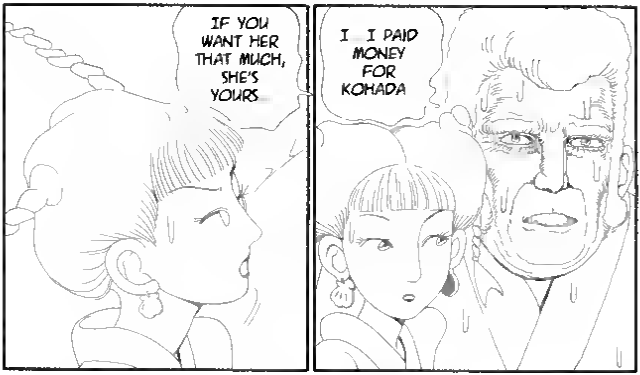
squeeze

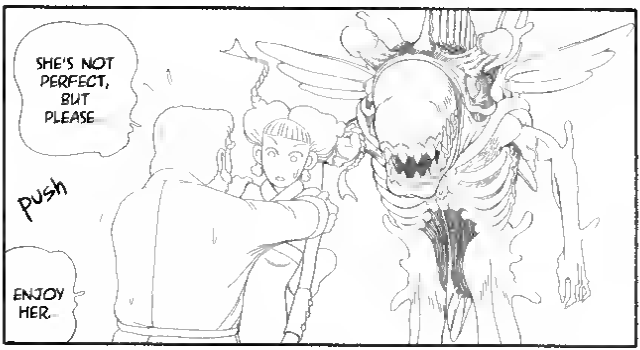

slap
AH
tap tap tap

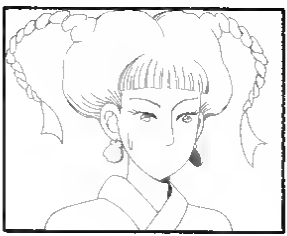
GIVE ME YOUR GIRL, MISTER.
I CAME FOR AN OFFICIAL ANSWER.
!!!

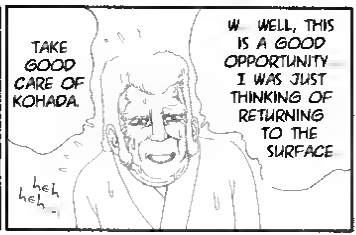

IF YOUR ANSWER IS NO, I'LL TAKE HER ANYWAY...
AND KILL YOU, IF I HAVE TO...
NO?
heh heh heh



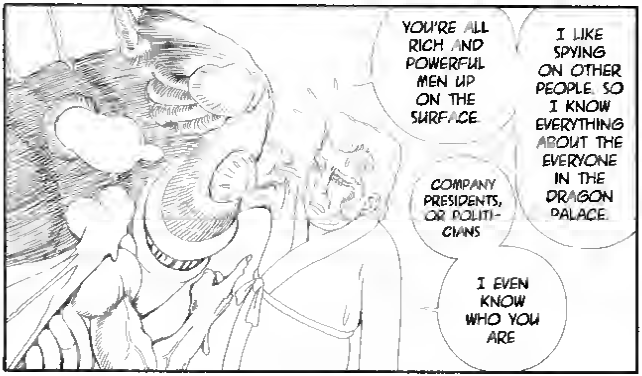

IF YOU WANT HER THAT MUCH, SHE'S YOURS...
I... I PAID MONEY FOR KOHADA


SHE'S NOT PERFECT, BUT PLEASE...
Push
ENJOY HER...



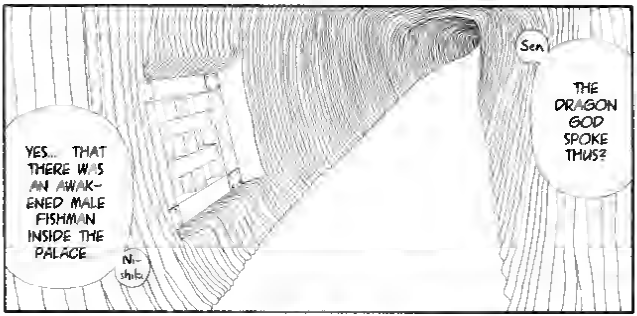

TAKE GOOD CARE OF KOHADA.
W... WELL, THIS IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY I WAS JUST THINKING OF RETURNING TO THE SURFACE
heh heh...

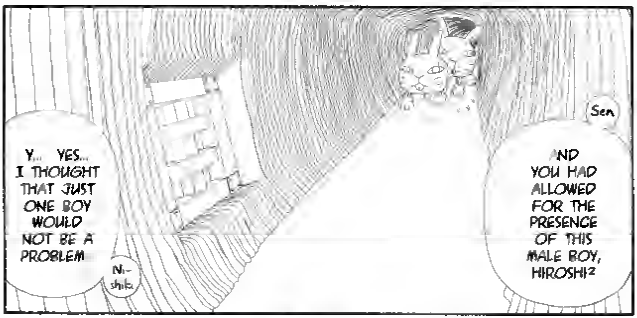
MISTER
grab
flinch
I'LL JUST BE LEAV-ING

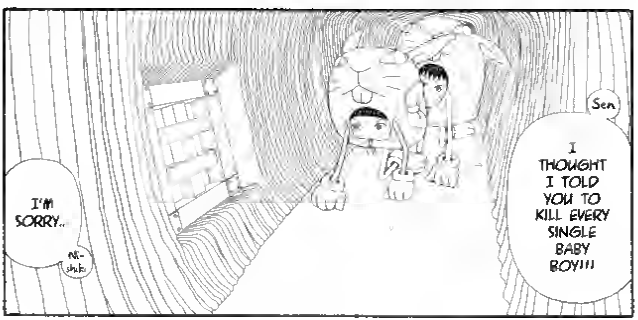

YOU'RE ALL RICH AND POWERFUL MEN UP ON THE SURFACE
I LIKE SPYING ON OTHER PEOPLE. SO I KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT THE EVERYONE IN THE DRAGON PALACE.
COMPANY PRESIDENTS, OR POLITI-CIANS
I EVEN KNOW WHO YOU ARE

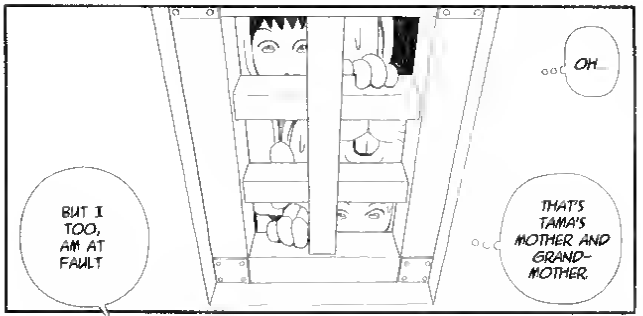
SO WHAT'S THIS PATHETIC ACT FOR?
YOU WERE A BIG MAFIA BOSS, WEREN'T YOU?

ANI WAS WAY BRAVER THAN YOU
gahck...
I'll take your head first
SPLAT
YOU WUSS

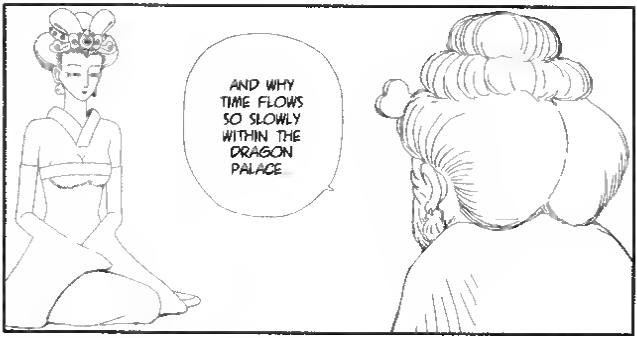

Sen
THE DRAGON GOD SPOKE THUS?
YES... THAT THERE WAS AN AWAKENED MALE FISHMAN INSIDE THE PALACE
Ni-shiki

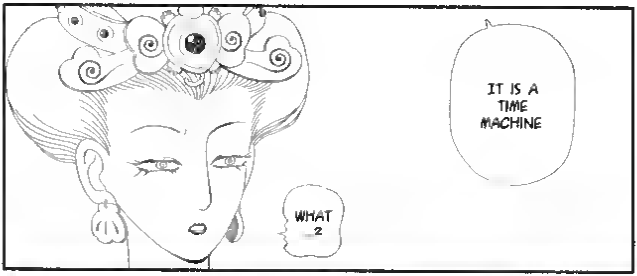

Sen
AND YOU HAD ALLOWED FOR THE PRESENCE OF THIS MALE BOY, HIROSHI?
Y... YES... I THOUGHT THAT JUST ONE BOY WOULD NOT BE A PROBLEM
Ni-shiki

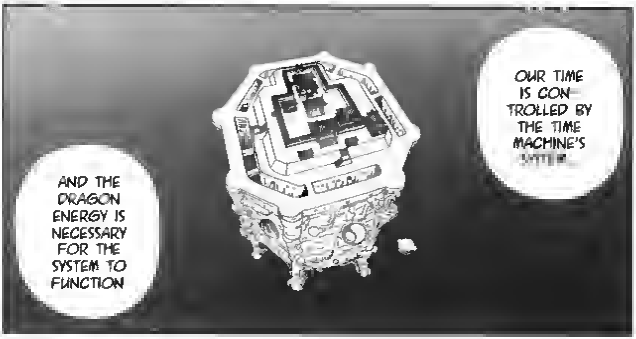

Sen
I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO KILL EVERY SINGLE BABY BOY!!!
I'M SORRY..
Ni-shiki

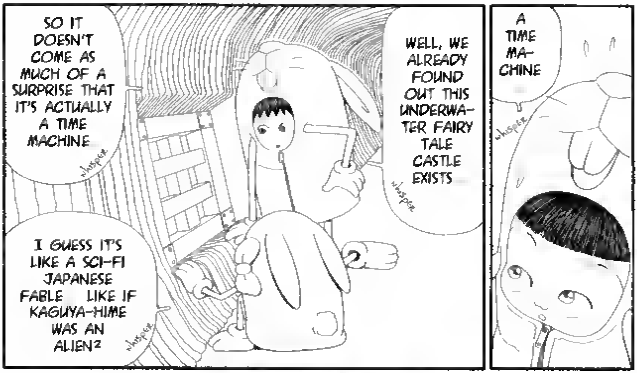

OH...
THAT'S TAMA'S MOTHER AND GRAND-MOTHER.
BUT I TOO, AM AT FAULT

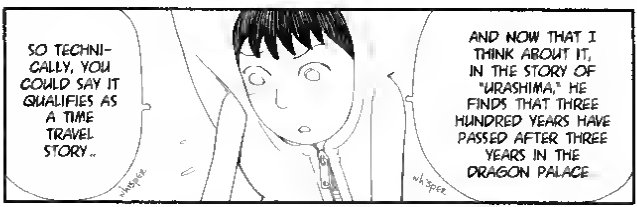
FIRST OTOHIME - SEN
I RELINQUISHED THE POSITION OF BROTHEL MATRON TO YOU, MY DAUGHTER,
BUT I HAVE TOLD YOU NOTHING OF RYUGUDEN'S STRUCTURE OR BACKGROUND...
AND NOW, I SHALL TELL YOU ALL... WHY WE MUST LEAVE NO MALES ALIVE...

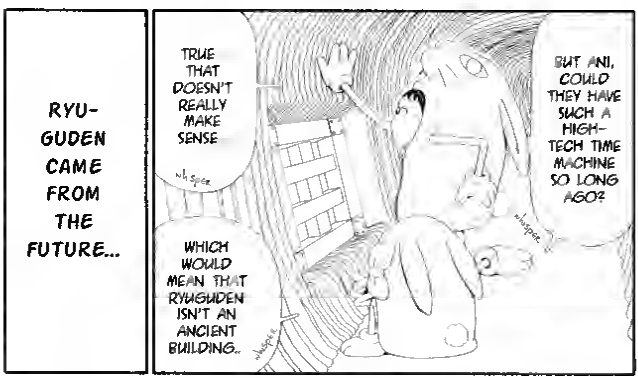

AND WHY TIME FLOWS SO SLOWLY WITHIN THE DRAGON PALACE

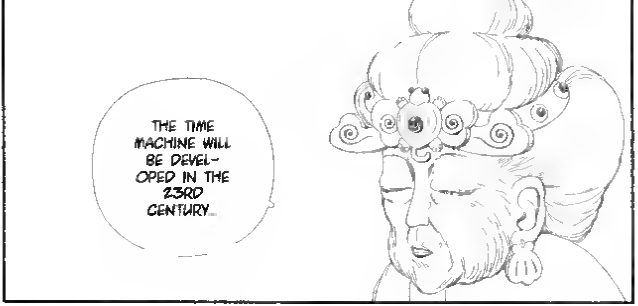

IT IS A TIME MACHINE
WHAT ?

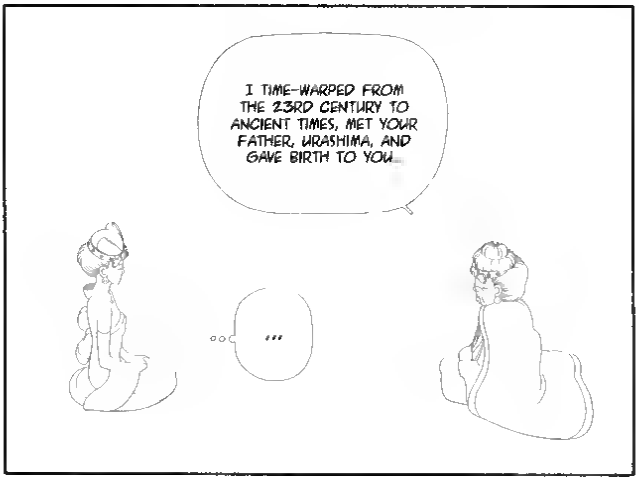

OUR TIME IS CONTROLLED BY THE TIME MACHINE'S
AND THE DRAGON ENERGY IS NECESSARY FOR THE SYSTEM TO FUNCTION

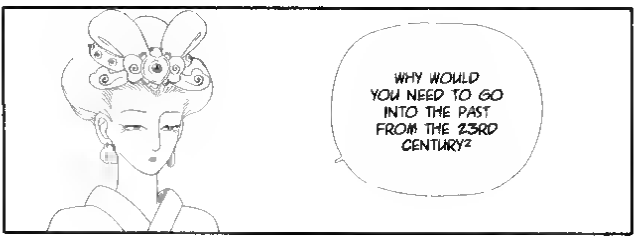

SO IT DOESN'T COME AS MUCH OF A SURPRISE THAT IT'S ACTUALLY A TIME MACHINE
whisper
I GUESS IT'S LIKE A SCI-FI JAPANESE FABLE LIKE IF KAGUYA-HIME WAS AN ALIEN?
whisper
WELL, WE ALREADY FOUND OUT THIS UNDERWATER FAIRY TALE CASTLE EXISTS
whisper
A TIME MACHINE
whisper


SO TECHNICALLY, YOU COULD SAY IT QUALIFIES AS A TIME TRAVEL STORY..
whisper
AND NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, IN THE STORY OF "URASHIMA," HE FINDS THAT THREE HUNDRED YEARS HAVE PASSED AFTER THREE YEARS IN THE DRAGON PALACE
whisper

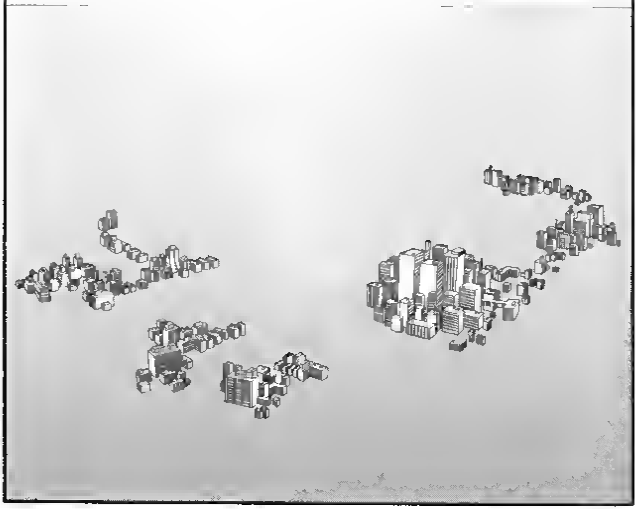

RYUGUDEN CAME FROM THE FUTURE...
TRUE THAT DOESN'T REALLY MAKE SENSE
whisper
WHICH WOULD MEAN THAT RYUGUDEN ISN'T AN ANCIENT BUILDING..
whisper
BUT ANI, COULD THEY HAVE SUCH A HIGH-TECH TIME MACHINE SO LONG AGO?
whisper

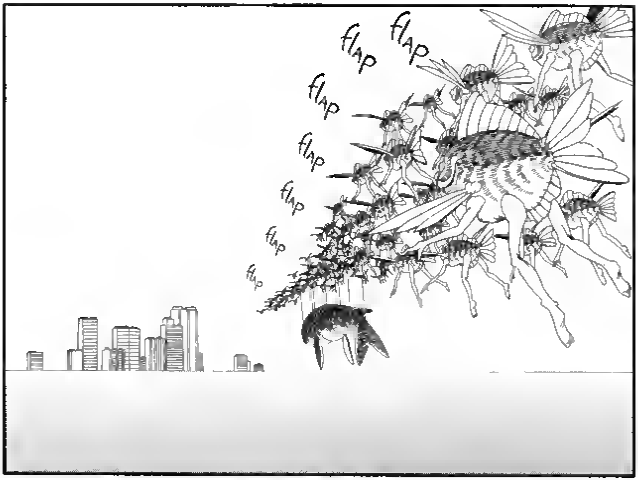

THE TIME MACHINE WILL BE DEVEL-OPED IN THE 23RD CENTURY...


I TIME-WARPED FROM THE 23RD CENTURY TO ANCIENT TIMES, MET YOUR FATHER, URASHIMA, AND GAVE BIRTH TO YOU...
...


WHY WOULD YOU NEED TO GO INTO THE PAST FROM THE 23RD CENTURY?

MANKIND, UNABLE TO PREVENT GLOBAL WARMING BY THE 23RD CENTURY, WAS BESIEGED BY RISING WATER LEVELS FROM THE MELTED ICE CAPS... THOSE FEW HUMANS THAT SURVIVED WERE RULED BY THE FISH PEOPLE...




flap
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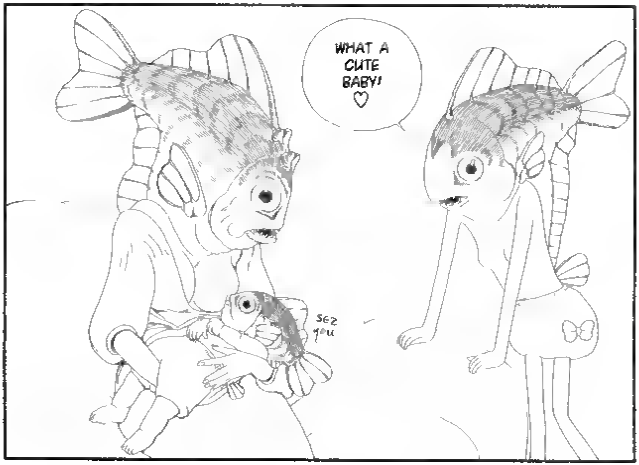
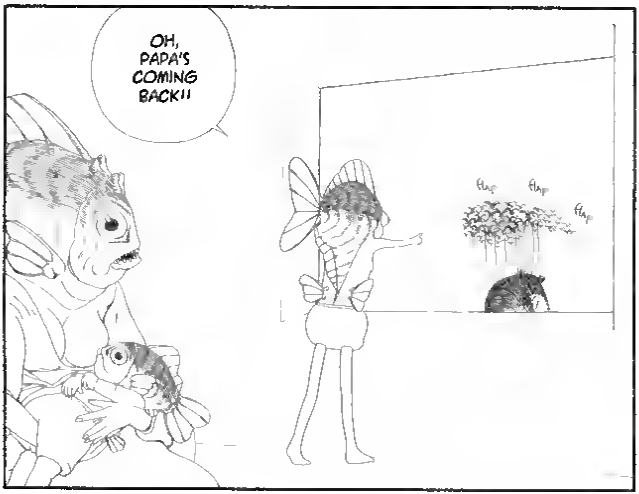
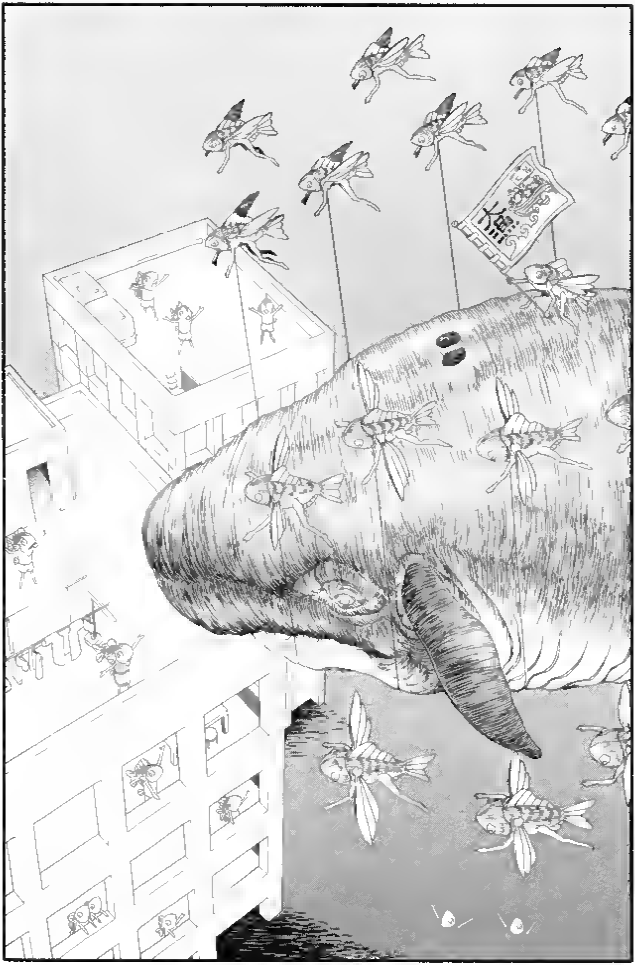
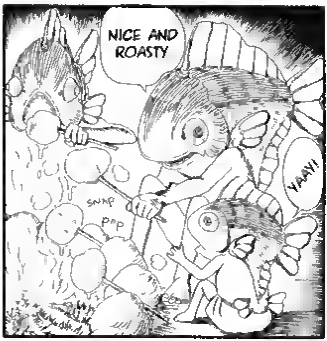
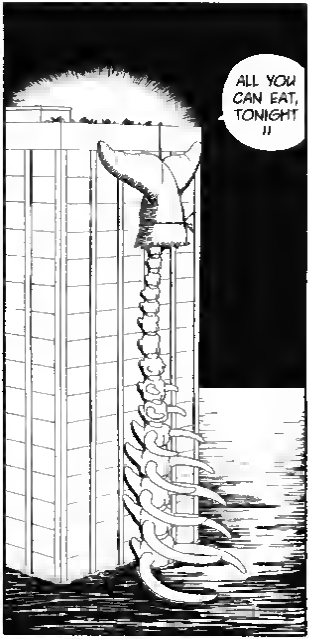

WHAT A CUTE BABY! ♡
See you

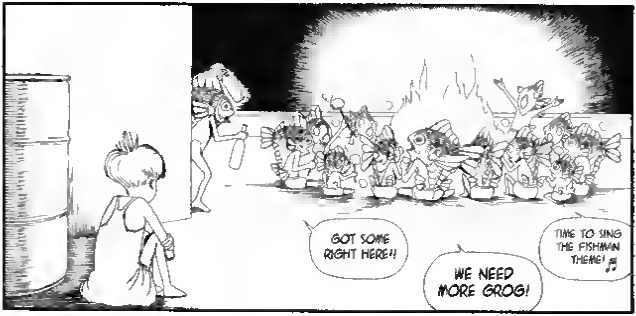

OH, PAPA'S COMING BACK!!
flap
flap
flap

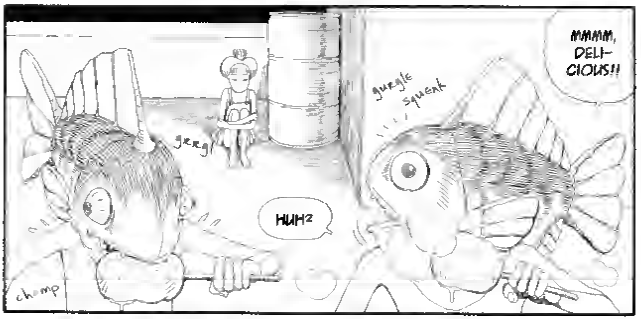



NICE AND ROASTY
YAAY!
SNAP
POP


ALL YOU CAN EAT, TONIGHT !!

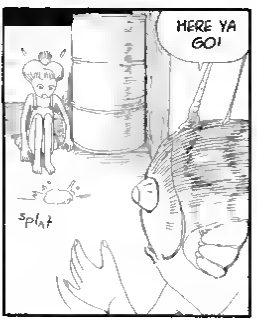
YUMMY!! IT MELTS IN MY MOUTH!!
gulp

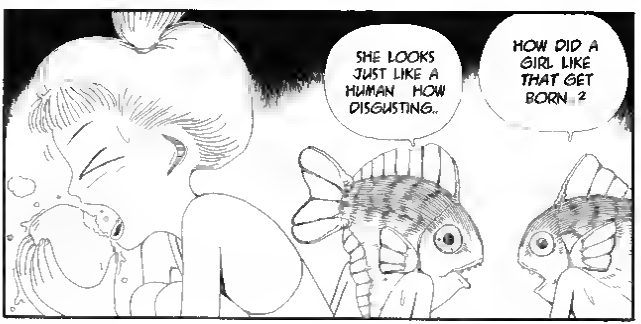

GOT SOME RIGHT HERE!!
WE NEED MORE GROG!
TIME TO SING THE FISHMAN THEME!

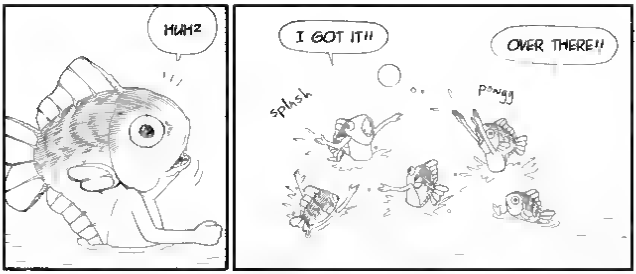

MMMM, DELI-CIOUS!!
gurgle squeak
jerrg
HUH?
chomp

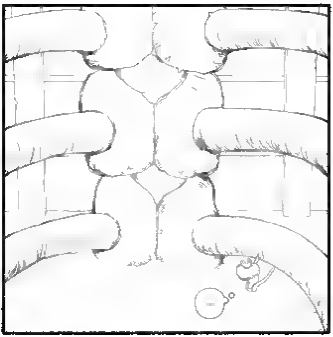
munch
munch munch

pounce

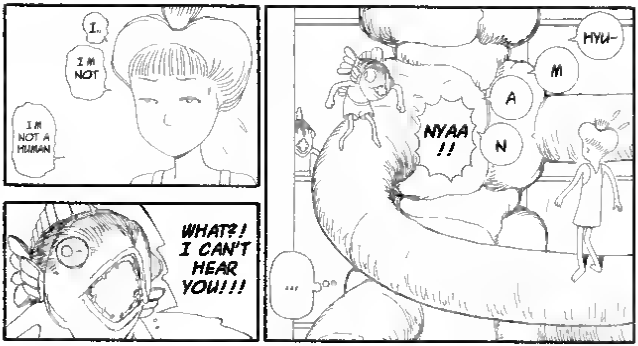

HERE YA GO!
splat


SHE LOOKS JUST LIKE A HUMAN HOW DISGUSTING..
HOW DID A GIRL LIKE THAT GET BORN..?


HUH?
I GOT IT!!
OVER THERE!!
splash
Pongg



NEENER NEENER!!
DIRTY HUMAN!!
DIRTY HUMAN!!
HEY, HUMAN !!
!!


I.
I'M NOT
I'M NOT A HUMAN
WHAT?! I CAN'T HEAR YOU!!!
HYU-
M
A
N
NYAA !!
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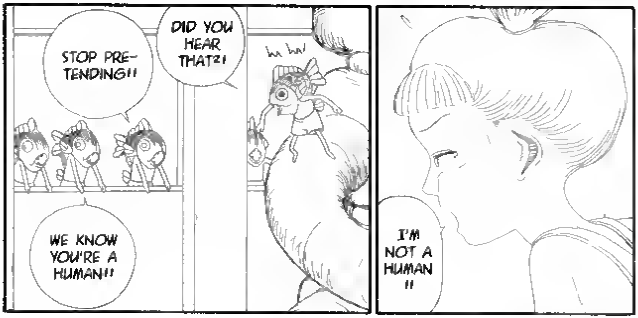
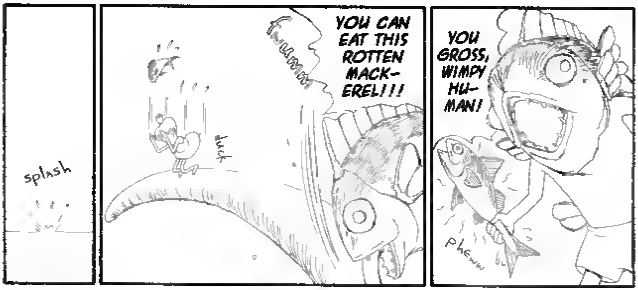
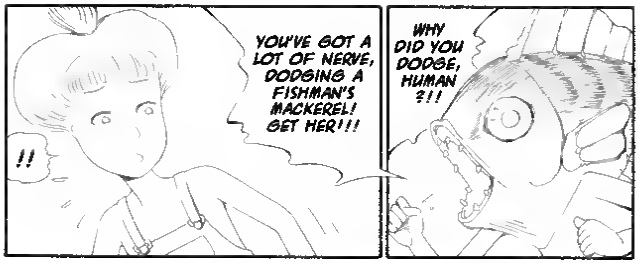

STOP PRE-TENDING!!
DID YOU HEAR THAT?!
ha ha!
WE KNOW YOU'RE A HUMAN!!
I'M NOT A HUMAN !!


splash
YOU CAN EAT THIS ROTTEN MACK-EREL!!!
thick
YOU GROSS, WIMPY HU-MAN!
Phew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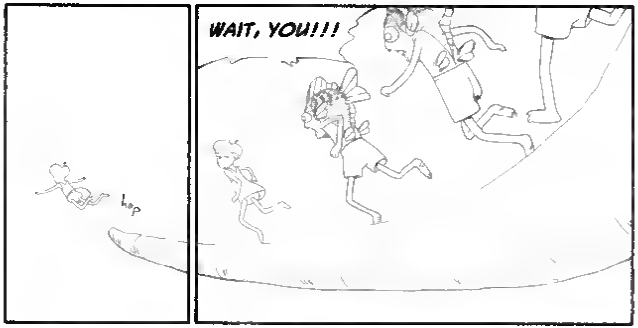
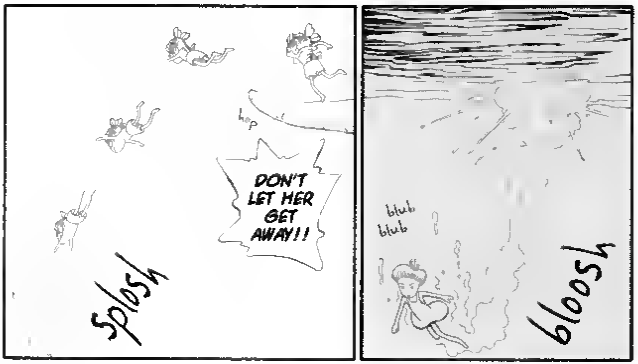
YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF NERVE, DODGING A FISHMAN'S MACKEREL! GET HER!!!
WHY DID YOU DODGE, HUMAN ?!!


hop
WAIT, YOU!!!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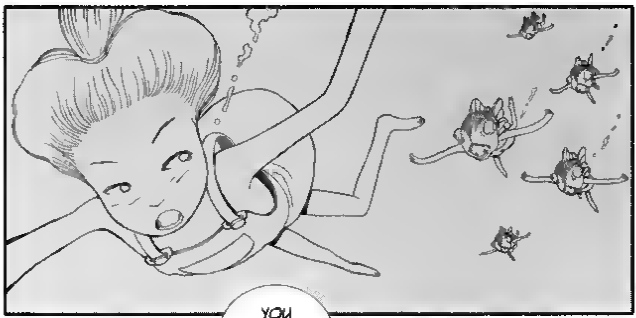
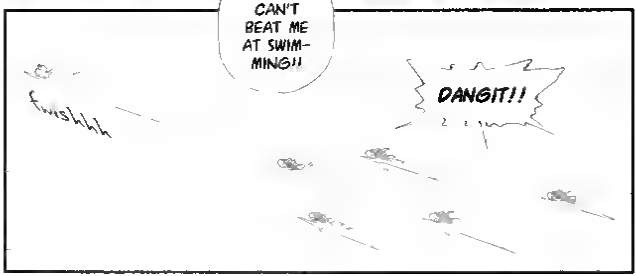
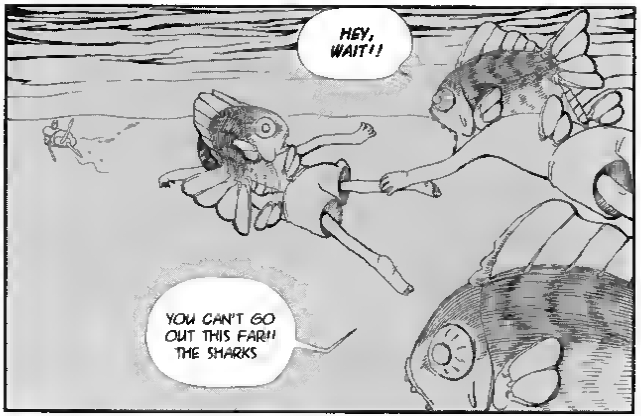
DON'T LET HER GET AWAY!!
Splash
blub blub
bloosh




YOU CAN'T BEAT ME AT SWIMMING!!
DANGIT!!
fwishhh


HEY, WAIT!!
YOU CAN'T GO OUT THIS FAR!! THE SHARKS

HMPH!! COWARDS!!
YEAH, LET'S GO HOME!!
LET HER GO THE SHARKS'LL EAT HER!!

I CAN
LIVE ON
MY OWN

I'LL GO
WHEREVER
I WANT

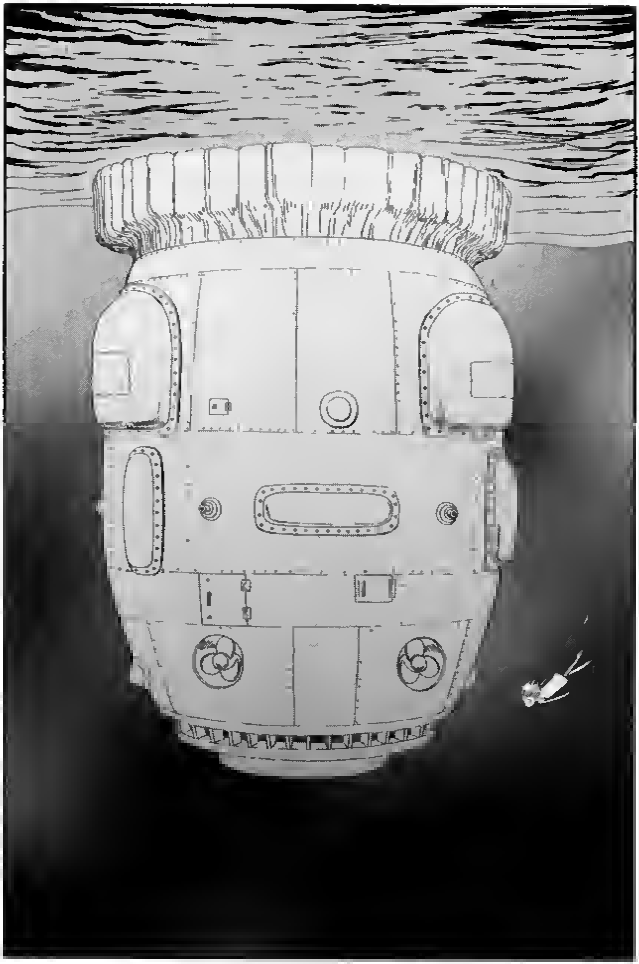
pop
blub
blub
blub
blub
blub
pik
zzz
ssshhh
splash
splash
!!!
swivel
swivel

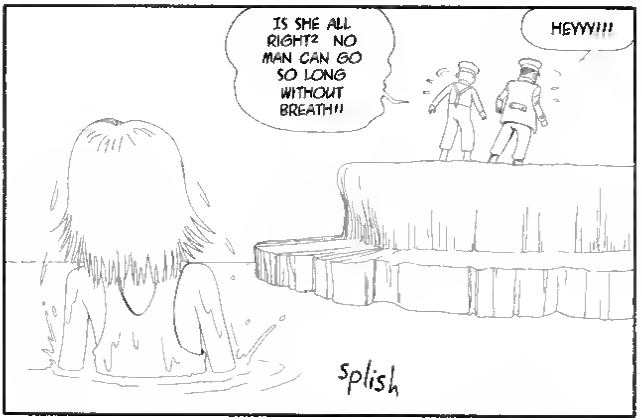
...
fwushhh
!??
ploosh
...

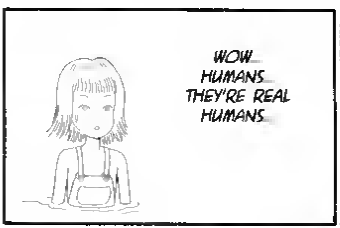
OH.
kwatch
grrr
eep!!!
A HUMAN !!!
slap

splaaash
AHIII
hop

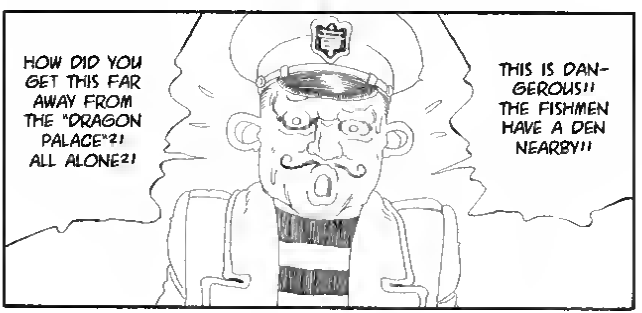
!!?

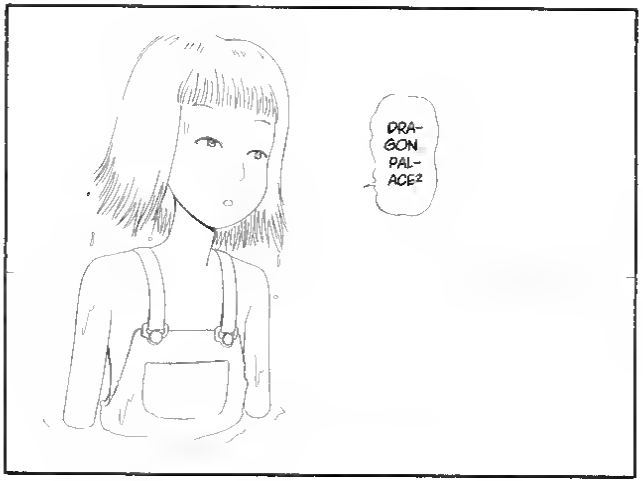


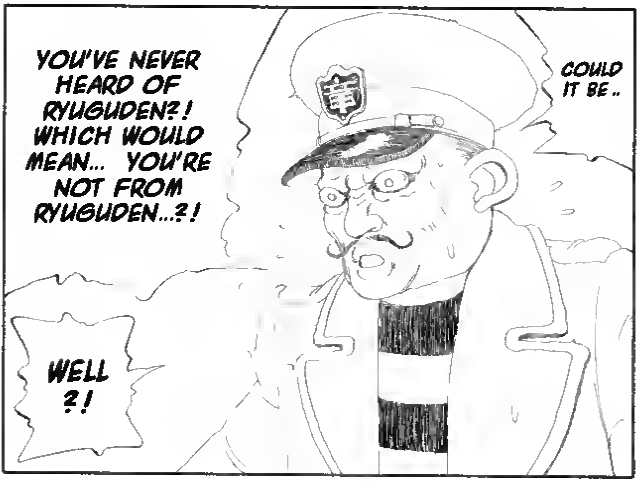

IS SHE ALL RIGHT? NO MAN CAN GO SO LONG WITHOUT BREATH!!
HEYYY!!!
Splish

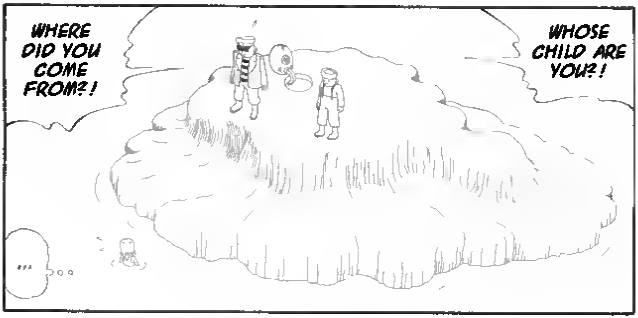

WOW... HUMANS... THEY'RE REAL HUMANS...

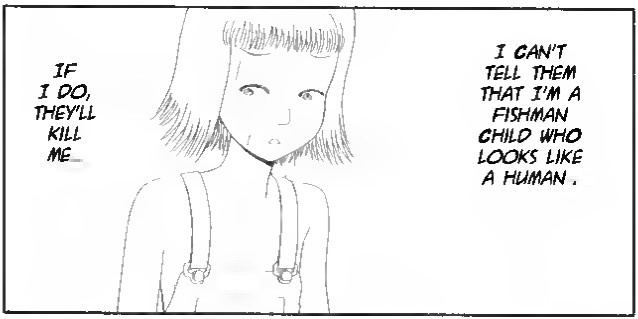
CAPTAIN, THERE SHE IS!!

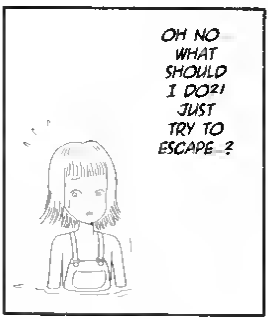

HOW DID YOU GET THIS FAR AWAY FROM THE "DRAGON PALACE"? ALL ALONE?!
THIS IS DANGEROUS!! THE FISHMEN HAVE A DEN NEARBY!!


DRA-GON PAL-ACE?


YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF RYUGUDEN?! WHICH WOULD MEAN... YOU'RE NOT FROM RYUGUDEN...?!
COULD IT BE..
WELL ?!

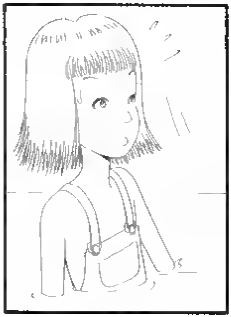

WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?!
WHOSE CHILD ARE YOU?!
...

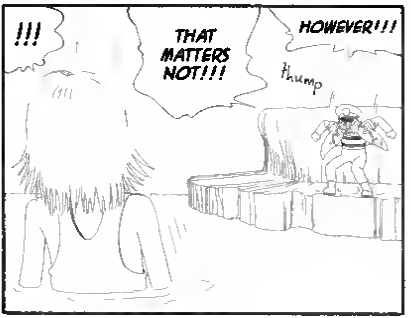

IF I DO, THEY'LL KILL ME...
I CAN'T TELL THEM THAT I'M A FISHMAN CHILD WHO LOOKS LIKE A HUMAN.

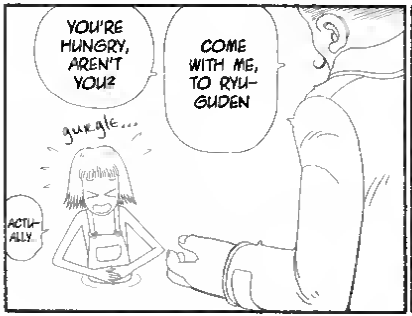

OH NO... WHAT SHOULD I DO?! JUST TRY TO ESCAPE...?

ARE YOU SOME KIND OF MYSTERY GIRL?!!
MMMRGH WHY WON'T YOU ANSWER ?!!

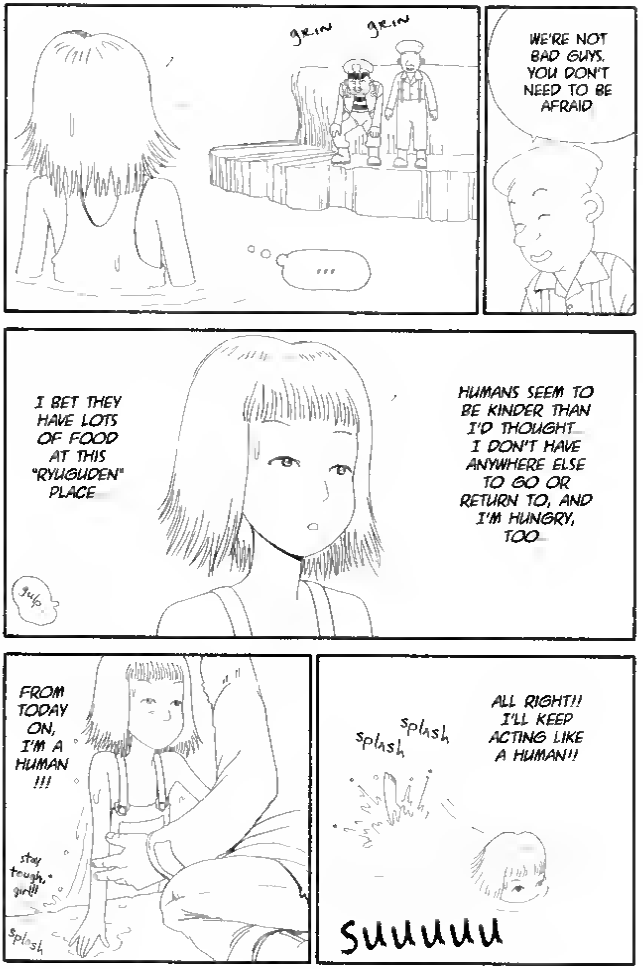
I SUPPOSE SHE MIGHT HAVE COME FROM SOME FAR-OFF, UNKNOWN LOCATION...
MUH?! OH, YES
CAPTAIN, MAYBE SHE HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE STORM THREE DAYS AGO SHIPWRECKED, PERHAPS...

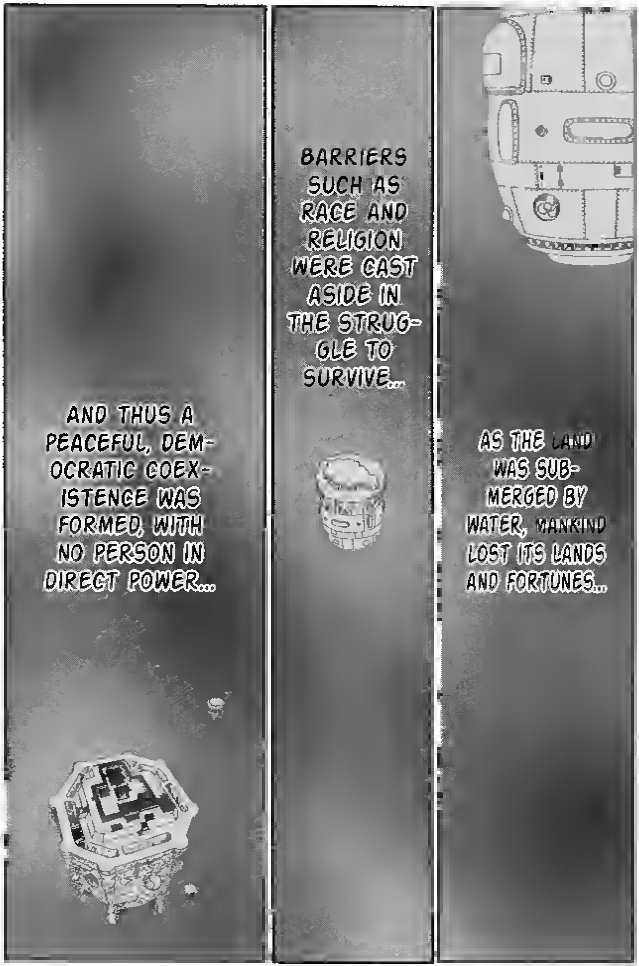


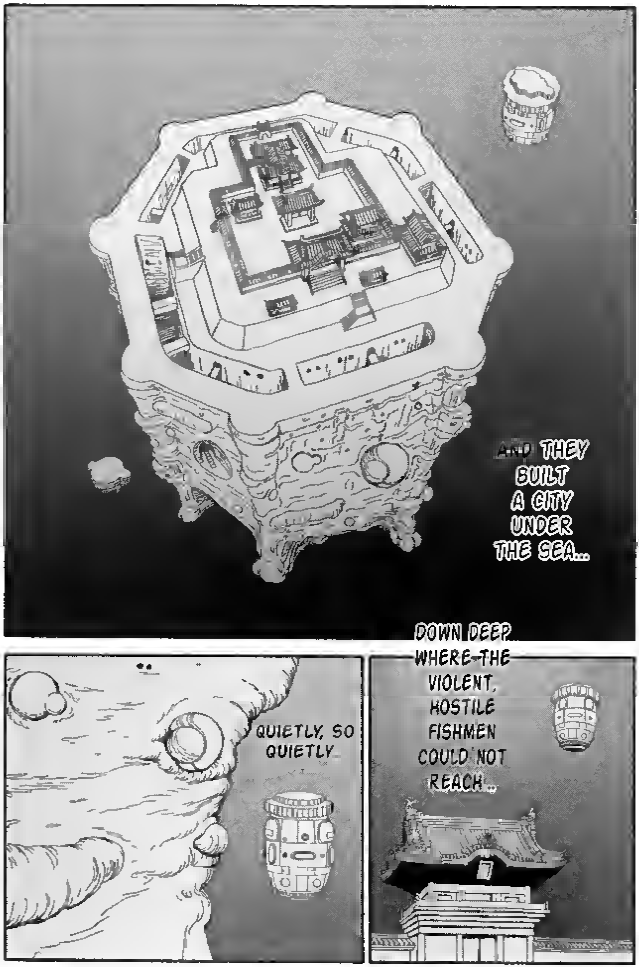

!!!
THAT MATTERS NOT!!!
HOWEVER!!!
thump

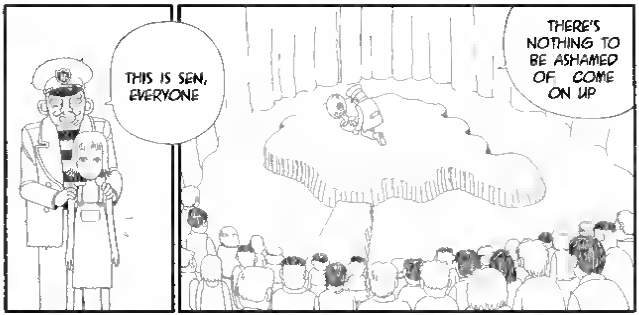

YOU'RE HUNGRY, AREN'T YOU?
COME WITH ME, TO RYU-GUDEN
gurgle...
ACTUALLY

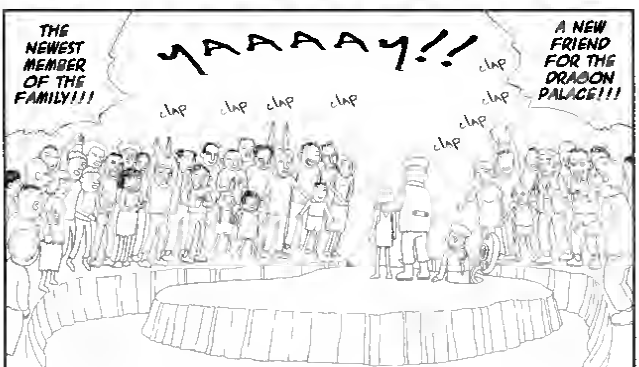
YOU'RE STILL A HUMAN LIKE US!!!


grin grin
...
WE'RE NOT BAD GUYS. YOU DON'T NEED TO BE AFRAID
I BET THEY HAVE LOTS OF FOOD AT THIS "RYUGUDEN" PLACE
HUMANS SEEM TO BE KINDER THAN I'D THOUGHT... I DON'T HAVE ANYWHERE ELSE TO GO OR RETURN TO, AND I'M HUNGRY, TOO...
Juu
FROM TODAY ON, I'M A HUMAN !!!
stay tough, girl!
splash
splash splash
ALL RIGHT!! I'LL KEEP ACTING LIKE A HUMAN!!
SUUUUU

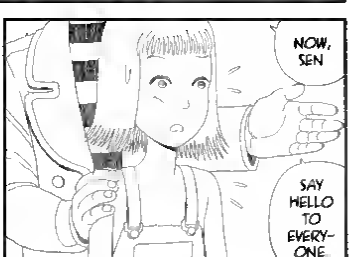

AND THUS A PEACEFUL, DEMOCRATIC COEXISTENCE WAS FORMED, WITH NO PERSON IN DIRECT POWER...
BARRIERS SUCH AS RACE AND RELIGION WERE CAST ASIDE IN THE STRUGGLE TO SURVIVE...
AS THE LAND WAS SUBMERGED BY WATER, MANKIND LOST ITS LANDS AND FORTUNES...

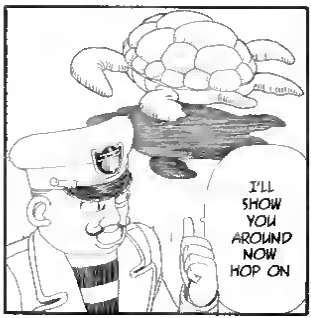

AND THEY BUILT A CITY UNDER THE SEA...
DOWN DEEP WHERE THE VIOLENT, HOSTILE FISHMEN COULD NOT REACH...
QUIETLY, SO QUIETLY...

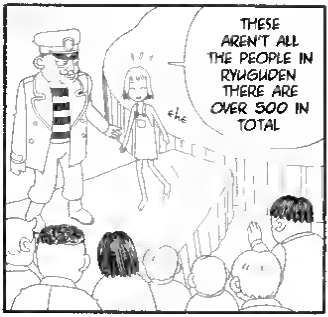

THIS IS SEN, EVERYONE
THERE'S NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED OF COME ON UP

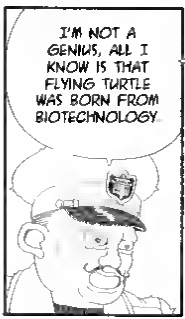

THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE FAMILY!!!
YAAAAY!!
A NEW FRIEND FOR THE DRAGON PALACE!!!
clap
clap
clap
clap
clap
clap
clap

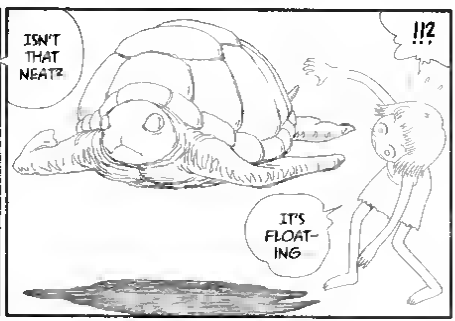
bow


NOW, SEN
SAY HELLO TO EVERY-ONE

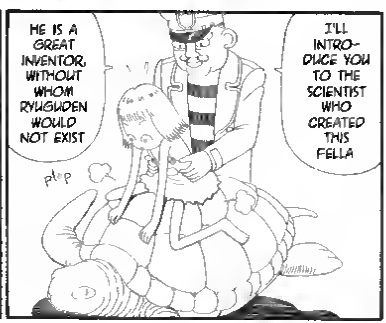

I'LL SHOW YOU AROUND NOW HOP ON

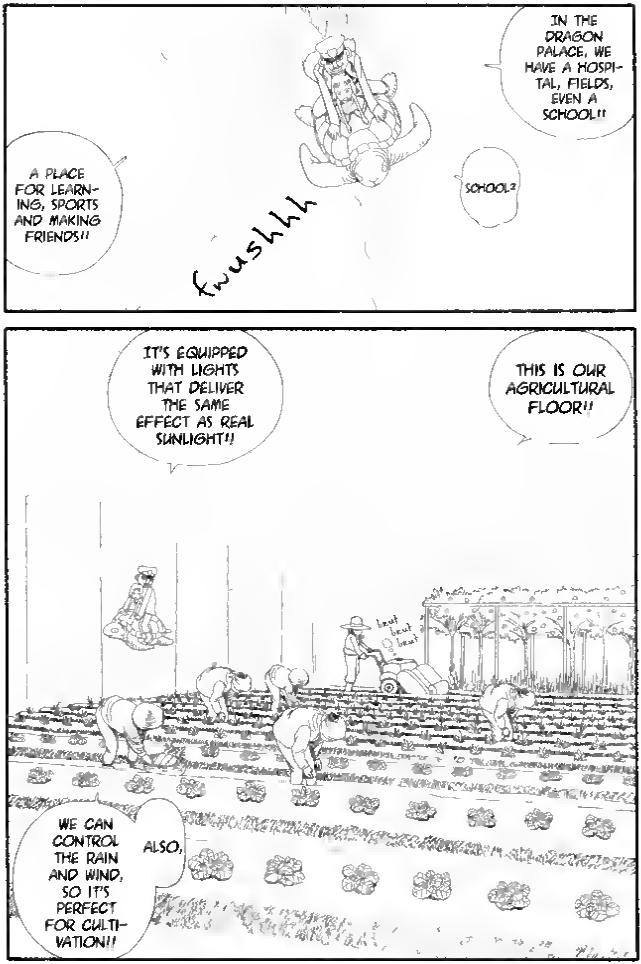

THESE AREN'T ALL THE PEOPLE IN RYUGUDEN THERE ARE OVER 500 IN TOTAL
ehe

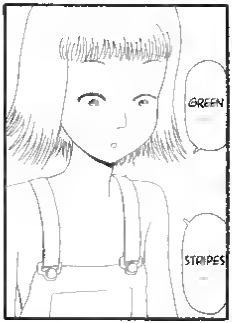

I'M NOT A GENIUS, ALL I KNOW IS THAT FLYING TURTLE WAS BORN FROM BIOTECHNOLOGY.


ISN'T THAT NEAT?
!!?
IT'S FLOAT-ING

LET'S GO!!
whoa
fwushhh

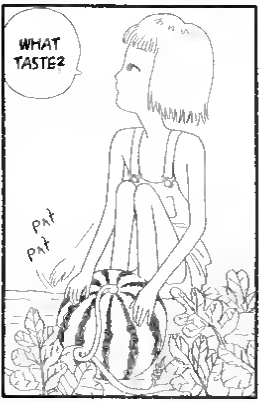

HE IS A GREAT INVENTOR, WITHOUT WHOM RYUGUDEN WOULD NOT EXIST
I'LL INTRO-DUCE YOU TO THE SCIENTIST WHO CREATED THIS FELLA
plop

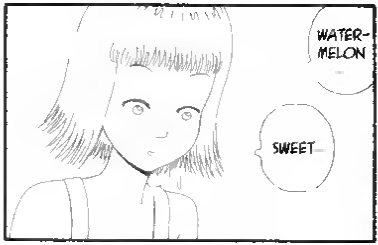

IN THE DRAGON PALACE, WE HAVE A HOSPITAL, FIELDS, EVEN A SCHOOL!!
SCHOOL?
A PLACE FOR LEARNING, SPORTS AND MAKING FRIENDS!!
fwushhh
THIS IS OUR AGRICULTURAL FLOOR!!
IT'S EQUIPPED WITH LIGHTS THAT DELIVER THE SAME EFFECT AS REAL SUNLIGHT!!
beut beut beut
ALSO,
WE CAN CONTROL THE RAIN AND WIND, SO IT'S PERFECT FOR CULTIVATION!!

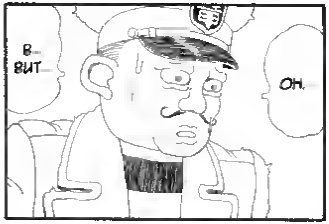

GREEN
STRIPES

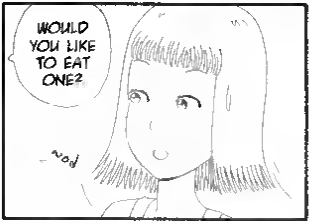
BIG
ROUND

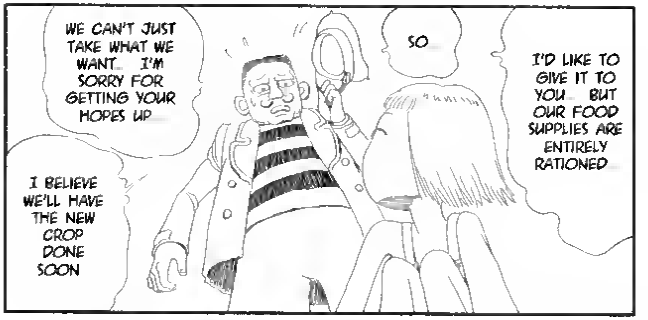
IT'S A VERY SWEET FRUIT!!
YOU'VE NEVER HAD WATER-MELON?

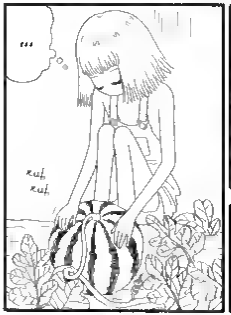

WHAT TASTE?
PAT PAT


WATER-MELON
SWEET


B-BUT
OH.

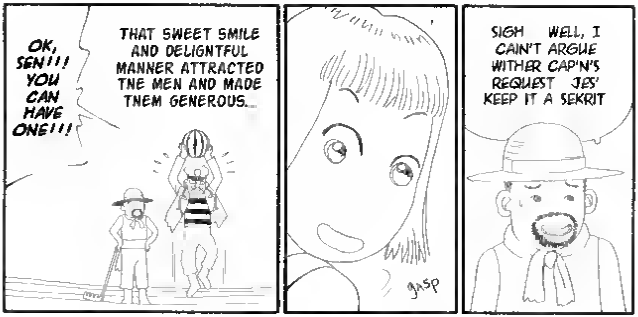

WOULD YOU LIKE TO EAT ONE?
NOD

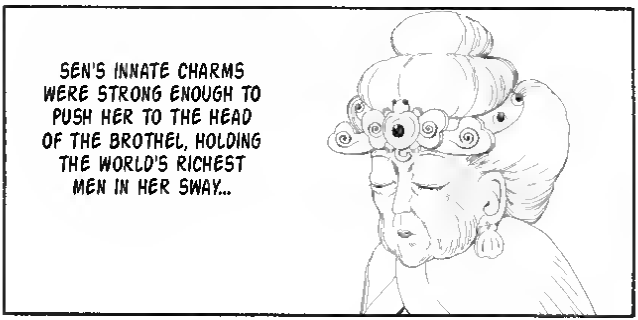

WE CAN'T JUST TAKE WHAT WE WANT... I'M SORRY FOR GETTING YOUR HOPES UP...
SO...
I'D LIKE TO GIVE IT TO YOU... BUT OUR FOOD SUPPLIES ARE ENTIRELY RATIONED...
I BELIEVE WE'LL HAVE THE NEW CROP DONE SOON

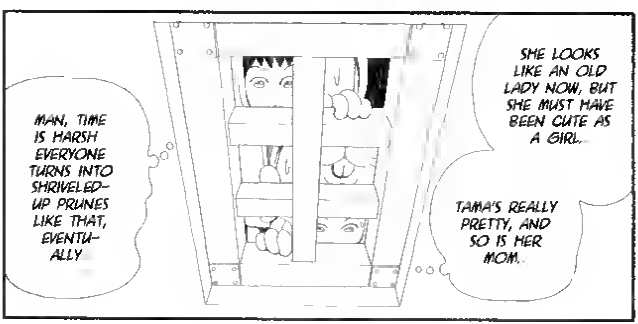

...
zuk zuk

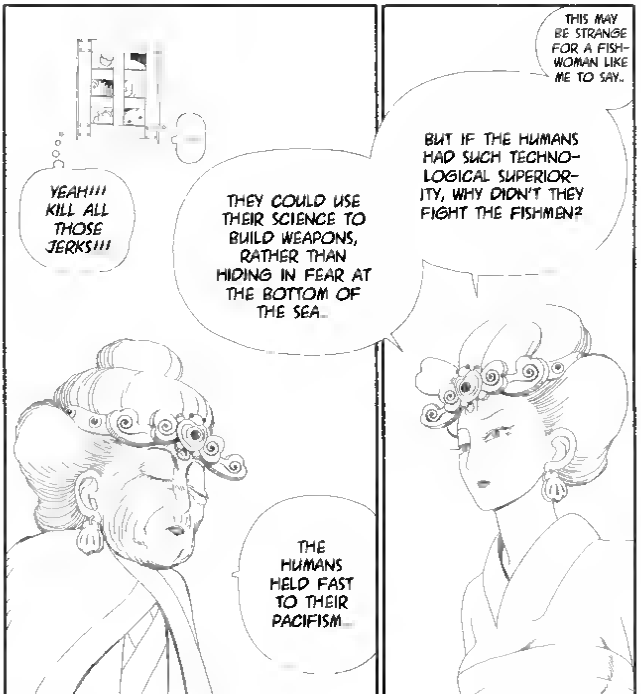
zuk zuk

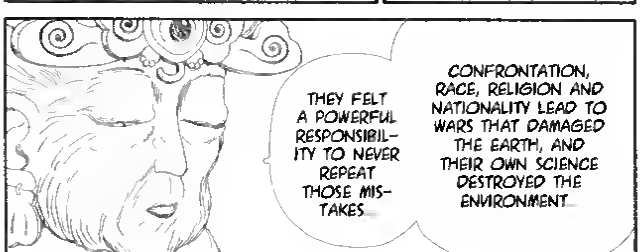
...

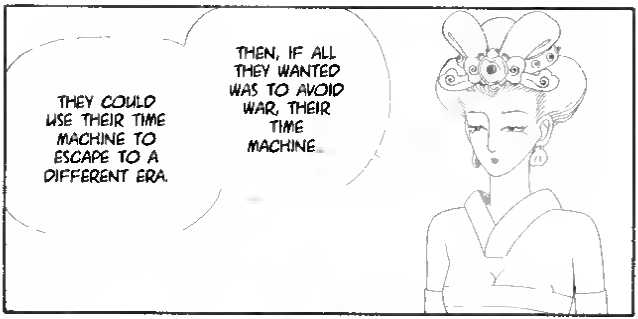

OK, SEN!!! YOU CAN HAVE ONE!!!
THAT SWEET SMILE AND DELIGHTFUL MANNER ATTRACTED THE MEN AND MADE THEM GENEROUS...
gasp
SIGH... WELL, I CAIN'T ARGUE WITHER CAP'N'S REQUEST... JES' KEEP IT A SEKRIT

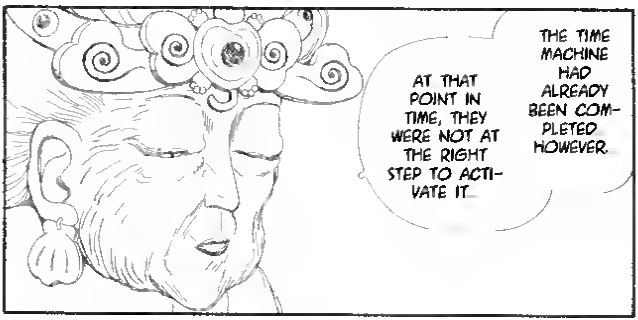

SEN'S INNATE CHARMS WERE STRONG ENOUGH TO PUSH HER TO THE HEAD OF THE BROTHEL, HOLDING THE WORLD'S RICHEST MEN IN HER SWAY...


MAN, TIME IS HARSH. EVERYONE TURNS INTO SHRIVELED-UP PRUNES LIKE THAT, EVENTUALLY...
SHE LOOKS LIKE AN OLD LADY NOW, BUT SHE MUST HAVE BEEN CUTE AS A GIRL...
TAMA'S REALLY PRETTY, AND SO IS HER MOM...

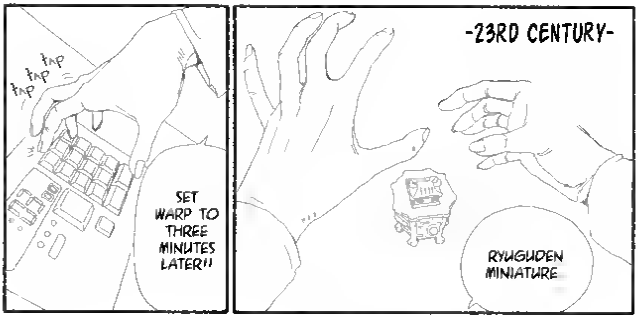

YEAH!!! KILL ALL THOSE JERKS!!!
THEY COULD USE THEIR SCIENCE TO BUILD WEAPONS, RATHER THAN HIDING IN FEAR AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA...
THE HUMANS HELD FAST TO THEIR PACIFISM...
THIS MAY BE STRANGE FOR A FISH-WOMAN LIKE ME TO SAY...
BUT IF THE HUMANS HAD SUCH TECHNOLOGICAL SUPERIORITY, WHY DIDN'T THEY FIGHT THE FISHMEN?

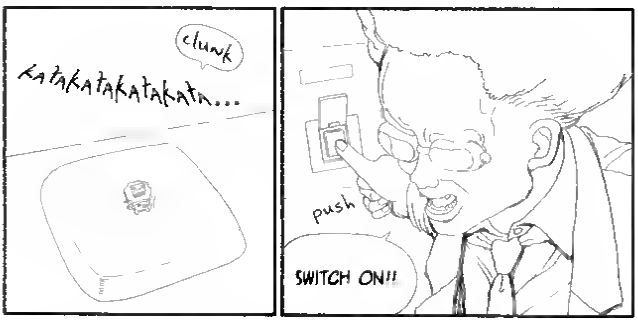

THEY FELT A POWERFUL RESPONSIBILITY TO NEVER REPEAT THOSE MISTAKES...
CONFRONTATION, RACE, RELIGION AND NATIONALITY LEAD TO WARS THAT DAMAGED THE EARTH, AND THEIR OWN SCIENCE DESTROYED THE ENVIRONMENT...


THEY COULD USE THEIR TIME MACHINE TO ESCAPE TO A DIFFERENT ERA.
THEN, IF ALL THEY WANTED WAS TO AVOID WAR, THEIR TIME MACHINE...

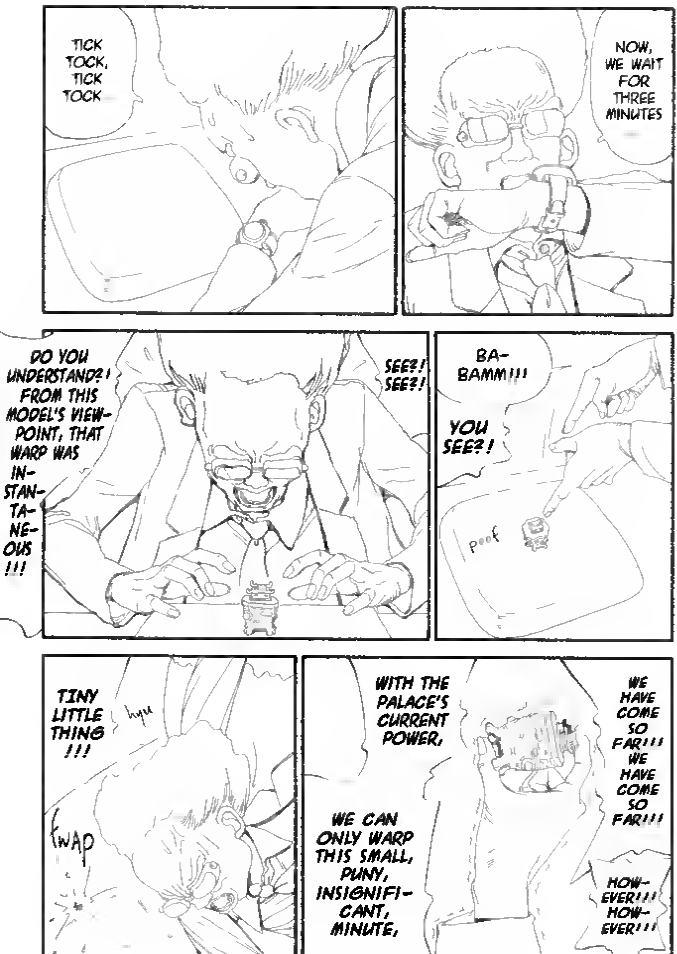

AT THAT POINT IN TIME, THEY WERE NOT AT THE RIGHT STEP TO ACTIVATE IT...
THE TIME MACHINE HAD ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED HOWEVER.

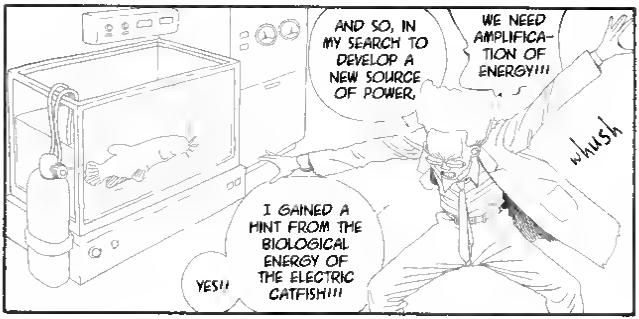
AND THIS IS WHY!!

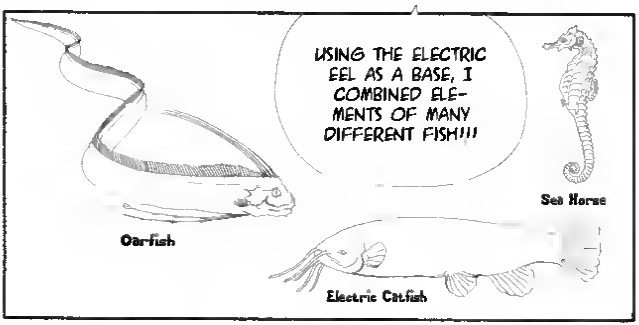

tap tap tap
SET WARP TO THREE MINUTES LATER!!
-23RD CENTURY-
RYUGUDEN MINIATURE

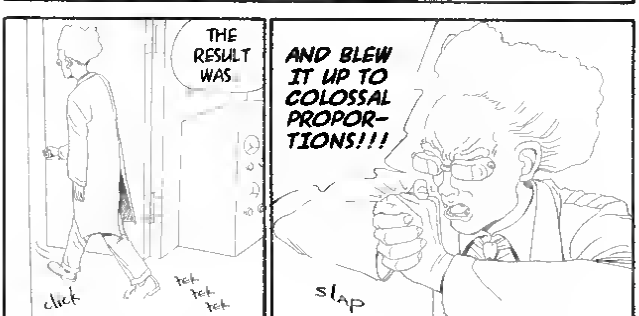

clunk
katakatakatakatakatn...
push
SWITCH ON!!

SEE?
IT DISAP-PEARED WITHOUT A TRACE!!
zzzap
bnnnnnn...

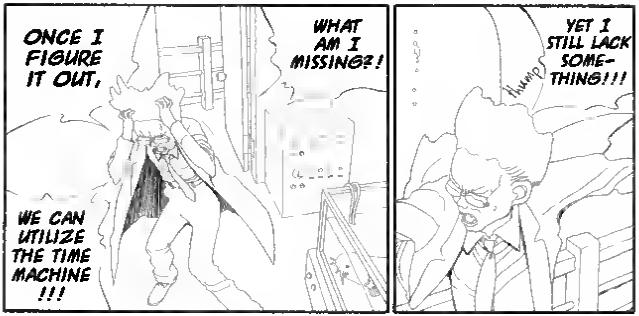

TICK TOCK, TICK TOCK
NOW, WE WAIT FOR THREE MINUTES
DO YOU UNDERSTAND?! FROM THIS MODEL'S VIEW-POINT, THAT WARP WAS IN-STAN-TA-NE-OUS !!!
SEE?! SEE?!
BA-BAMM!!!
YOU SEE?!
poof
TINY LITTLE THING !!!
hyu
fwap
WITH THE PALACE'S CURRENT POWER,
WE CAN ONLY WARP THIS SMALL, PUNY, INSIGNIFI-CANT, MINUTE,
WE HAVE COME SO FAR!!! WE HAVE COME SO FAR!!!
HOW-EVER!!! HOW-EVER!!!

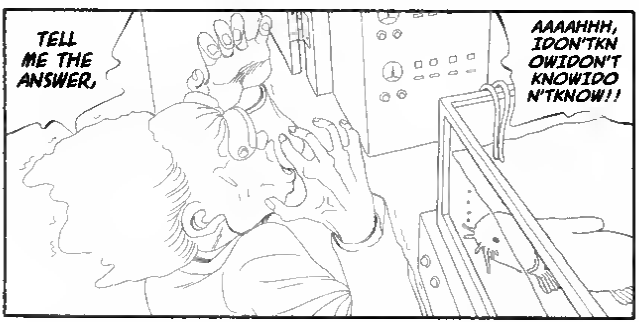

AND SO, IN MY SEARCH TO DEVELOP A NEW SOURCE OF POWER,
WE NEED AMPLIFICATION OF ENERGY!!!
whush
I GAINED A HINT FROM THE BIOLOGICAL ENERGY OF THE ELECTRIC CATFISH!!!
YES!!

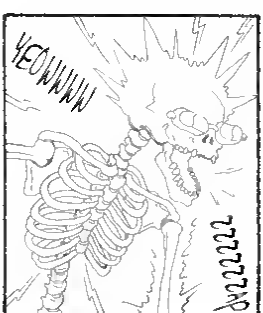

USING THE ELECTRIC EEL AS A BASE, I COMBINED ELEMENTS OF MANY DIFFERENT FISH!!!
Sea Horse
Oar-fish
Electric Catfish

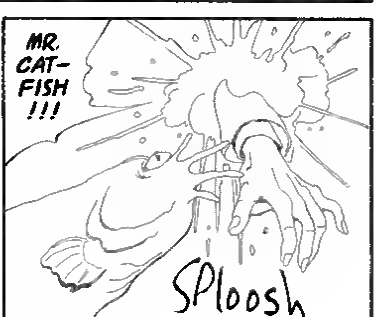

THE RESULT WAS...
click
tick tick tick
AND BLEW IT UP TO COLOSSAL PROPORTIONS!!!
slap

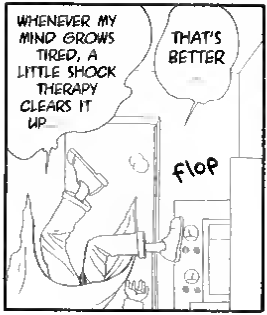
THE ELECTRIC DRAGON !!!


ONCE I FIGURE IT OUT,
WHAT AM I MISSING?!
WE CAN UTILIZE THE TIME MACHINE !!!
YET I STILL LACK SOME-THING!!!
thump

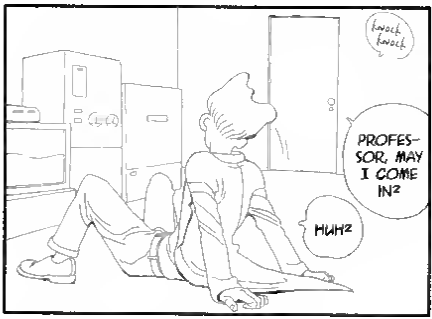

TELL ME THE ANSWER,
AAAAHHH, IDON'TKN OWIDON'T KNOWIDO N'TKNOW!!


YEOWWW
AH222222

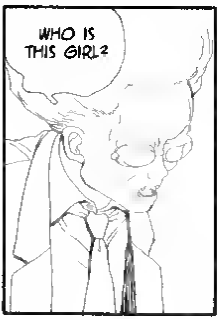

MR. CAT-FISH !!!
SPloosh


WHENEVER MY MIND GROWS TIRED, A LITTLE SHOCK THERAPY CLEARS IT UP...
THAT'S BETTER
FLOP

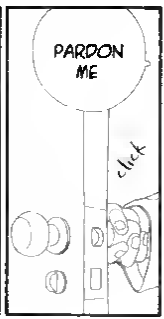
AHHHH...
wobble

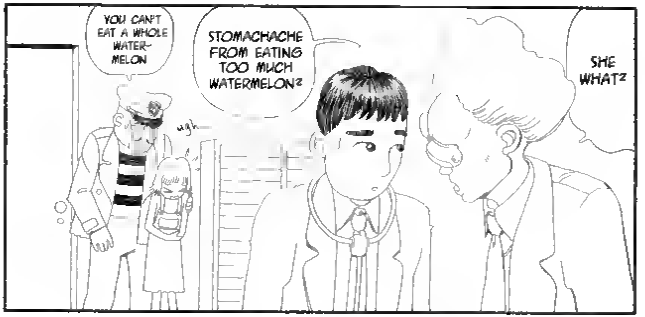

knock knock
PROFES-SOR, MAY I COME IN?
MUH?

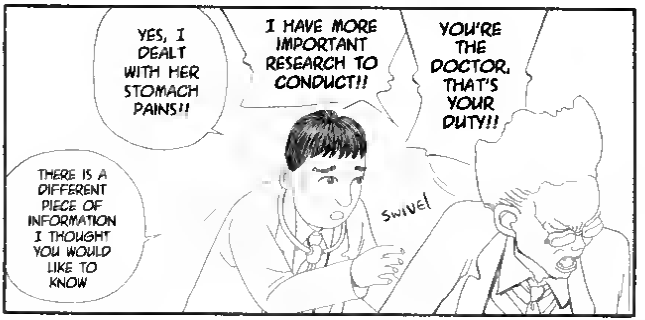
sigh...

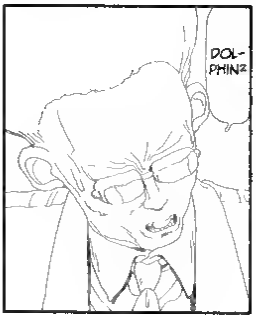

WHO IS THIS GIRL?

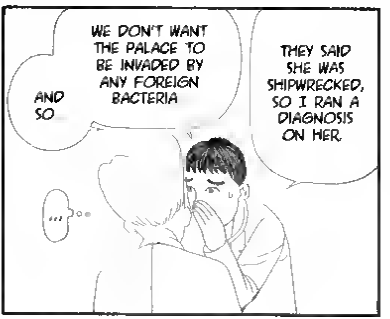
MUH?


PARDON ME
click


YOU CAN'T EAT A WHOLE WATER-MELON
STOMACHACHE FROM EATING TOO MUCH WATERMELON?
SHE WHAT?
ugh


YES, I DEALT WITH HER STOMACH PAINS!!
I HAVE MORE IMPORTANT RESEARCH TO CONDUCT!!
YOU'RE THE DOCTOR, THAT'S YOUR DUTY!!
THERE IS A DIFFERENT PIECE OF INFORMATION I THOUGHT YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW
swivel


DOL-PHIN?


WE DON'T WANT THE PALACE TO BE INVADED BY ANY FOREIGN BACTERIA
AND SO
THEY SAID SHE WAS SHIPWRECKED, SO I RAN A DIAGNOSIS ON HER.
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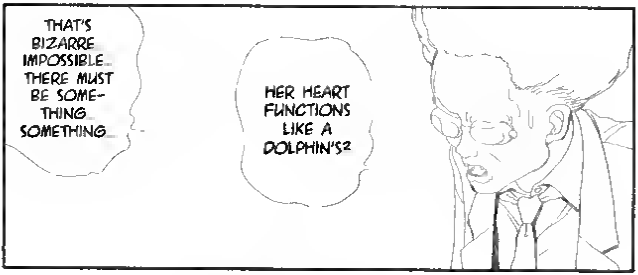
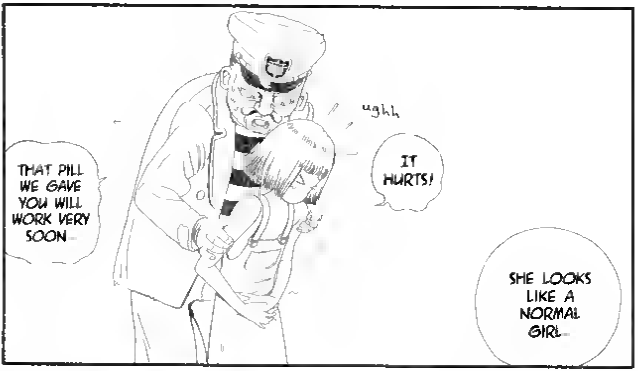
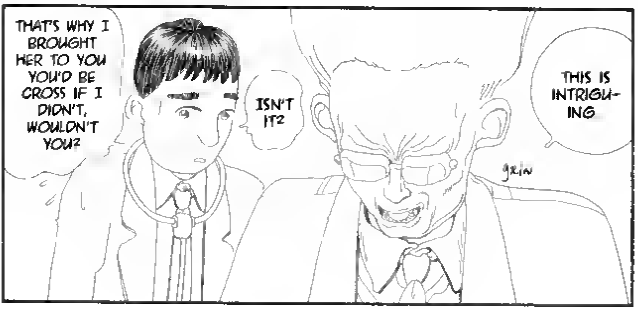
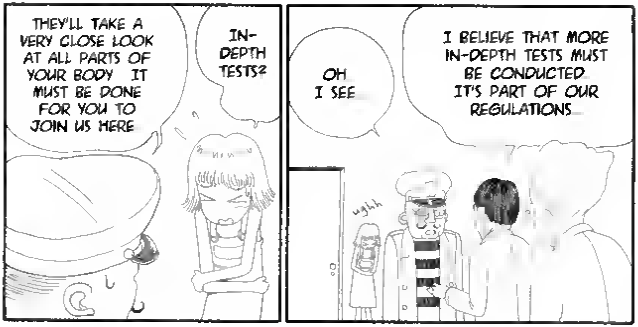
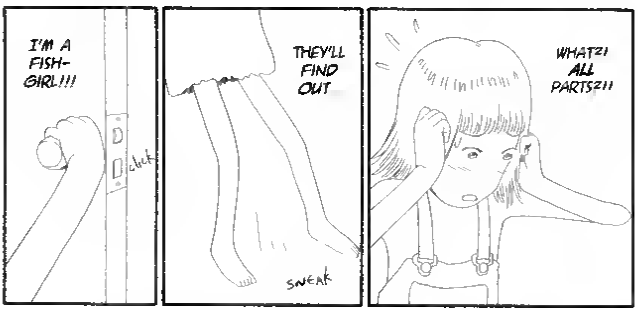
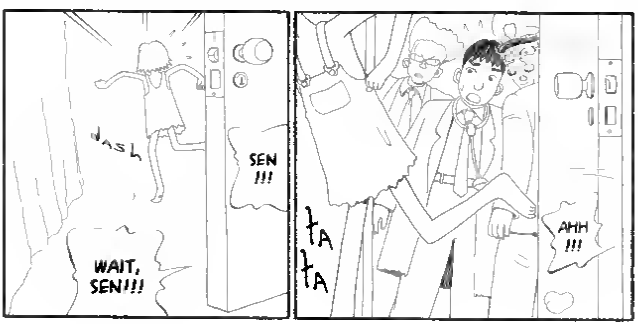

THAT'S BIZARRE... IMPOSSIBLE... THERE MUST BE SOME-THING... SOMETHING...
HER HEART FUNCTIONS LIKE A DOLPHIN'S?


THAT PILL WE GAVE YOU WILL WORK VERY SOON...
ughh
IT HURTS!
SHE LOOKS LIKE A NORMAL GIRL...

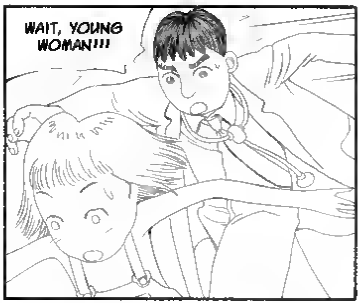

THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT HER TO YOU YOU'D BE CROSS IF I DIDN'T, WOULDN'T YOU?
ISN'T IT?
THIS IS INTRIGU-ING...
grin

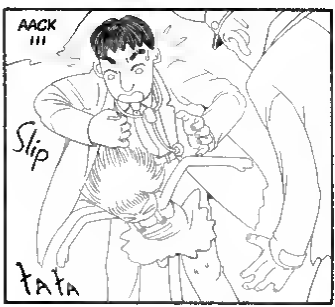

THEY'LL TAKE A VERY CLOSE LOOK AT ALL PARTS OF YOUR BODY IT MUST BE DONE FOR YOU TO JOIN US HERE
IN-DEPTH TESTS?
OH I SEE
I BELIEVE THAT MORE IN-DEPTH TESTS MUST BE CONDUCTED IT'S PART OF OUR REGULATIONS
ugh

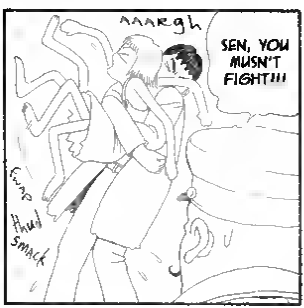

I'M A FISH-GIRL!!!
click
THEY'LL FIND OUT
sneak
WHAT?! ALL PARTS?!!


dash
SEN !!!
WAIT, SEN!!!
ta ta
AHH !!!

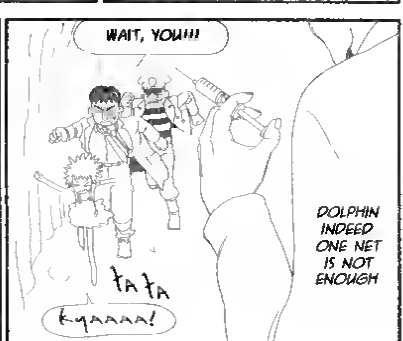
grab

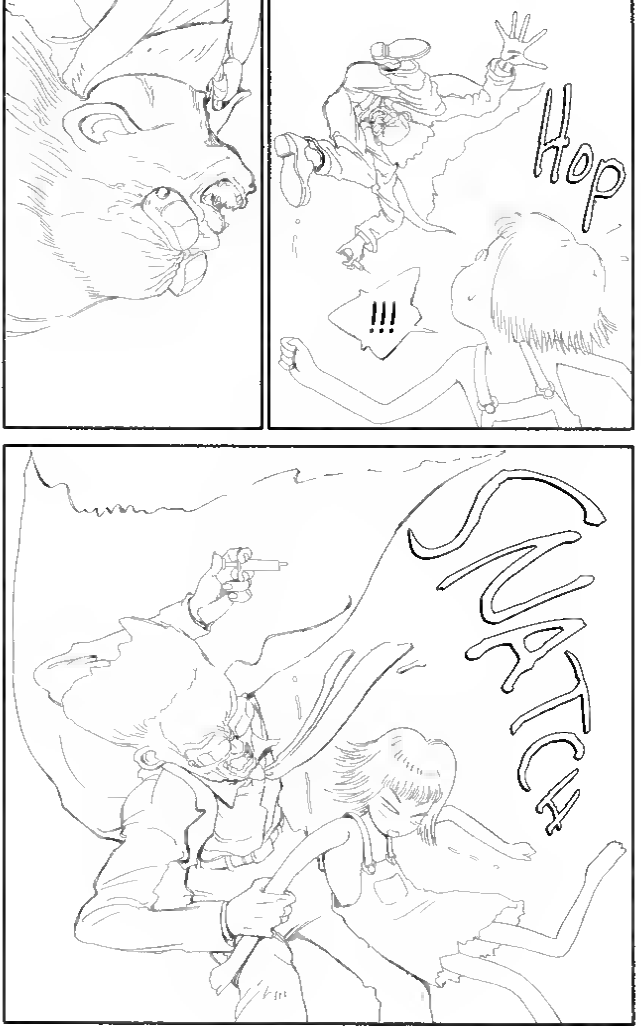

WAIT, YOUNG WOMAN!!!

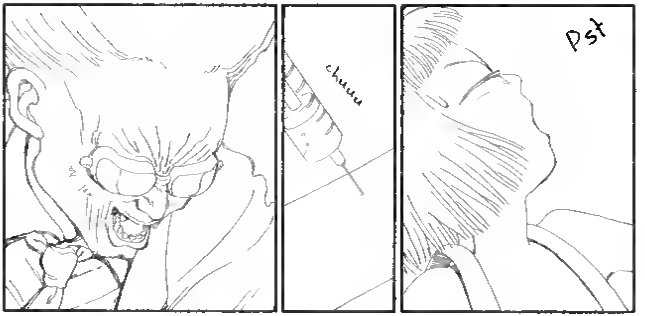

AACK !!!
Slip
tata

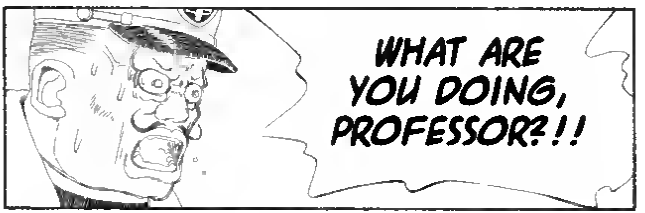

AAARgh
SEN, YOU MUSN'T FIGHT!!!
Grap
Hold
Smack

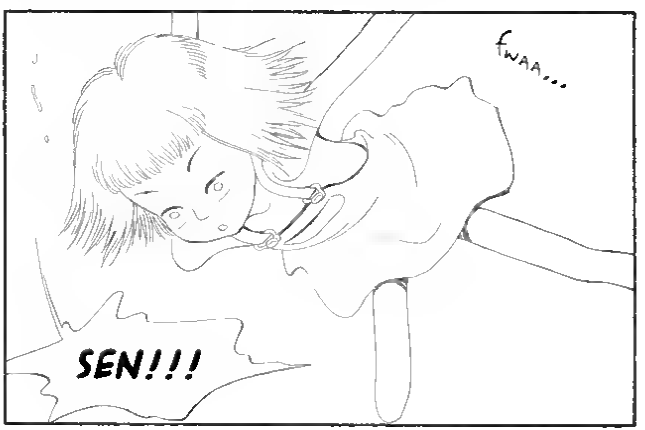
COME TO ME


WAIT, YOU!!!
DOLPHIN INDEED ONE NET IS NOT ENOUGH
tata
kyaaaaa!


Hop
!!!
SNATCH


Pst
chuuu

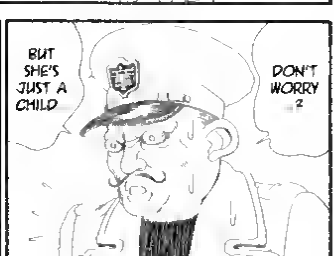

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, PROFESSOR?!!

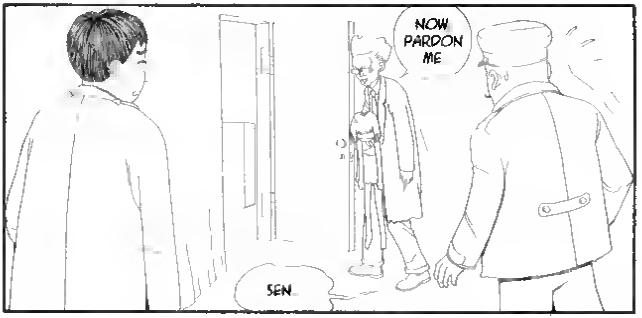

fwaa...
SEN!!!

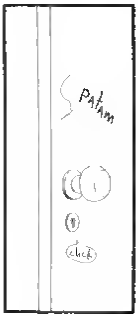
W-WHAT IS THAT?! WHAT DID YOU INJECT HER WITH?!

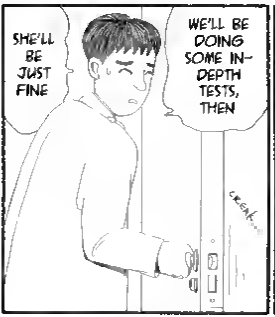
JUST A TRAN-QUIL-IZER. DON'T WORRY

SHE WAS GOING WILD

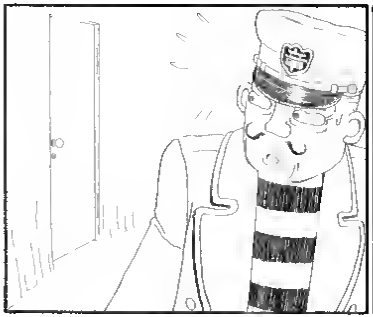

BUT SHE'S JUST A CHILD
DON'T WORRY

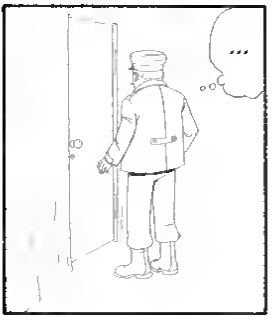

NOW, PARDON ME
SEN


PaTam
click


SHE'LL BE JUST FINE
WE'LL BE DOING SOME IN-DEPTH TESTS, THEN
creak...

UH
UMM ..

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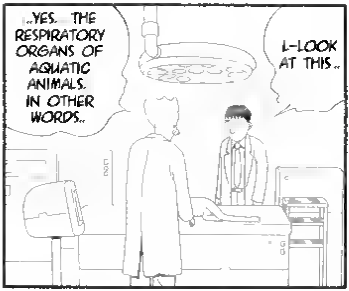
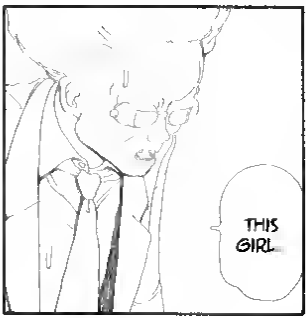
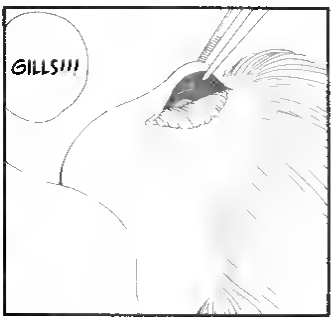
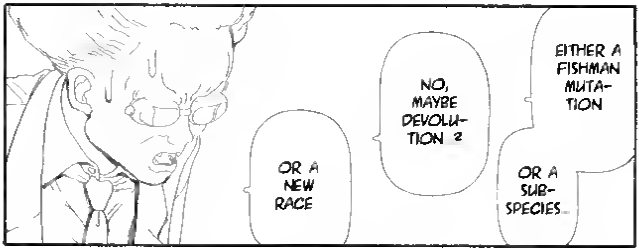

..YES. THE RESPIRATORY ORGANS OF AQUATIC ANIMALS. IN OTHER WORDS..
L-LOOK AT THIS..

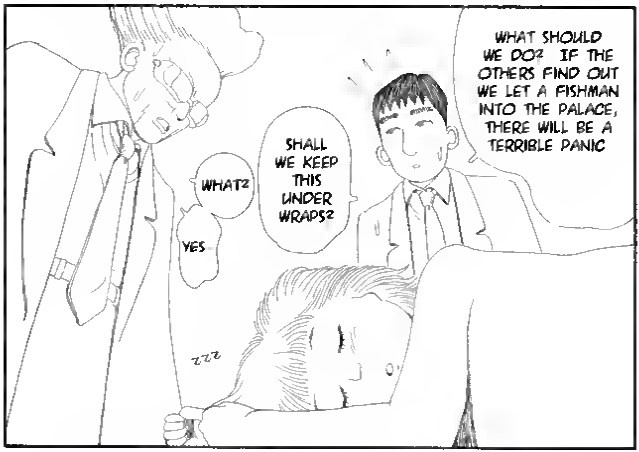
OH!!
PROFES-SOR..


THIS GIRL..

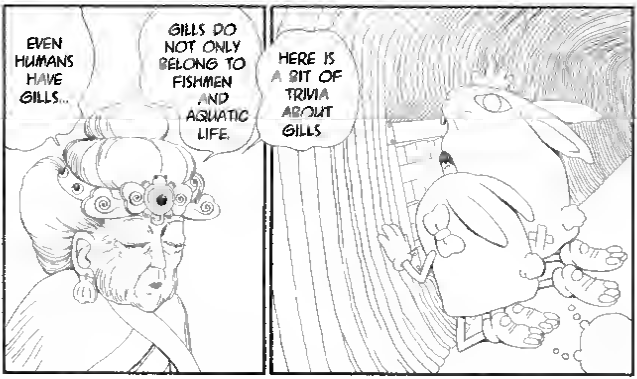

GILLS!!!

IS A FISHMAN CHILD!!!


EITHER A FISHMAN MUTATION
NO, MAYBE DEVOLUTION ?
OR A SUB-SPECIES
OR A NEW RACE


WHAT SHOULD WE DO? IF THE OTHERS FIND OUT WE LET A FISHMAN INTO THE PALACE, THERE WILL BE A TERRIBLE PANIC
SHALL WE KEEP THIS UNDER WRAPS?
WHAT?
YES
ZZZ

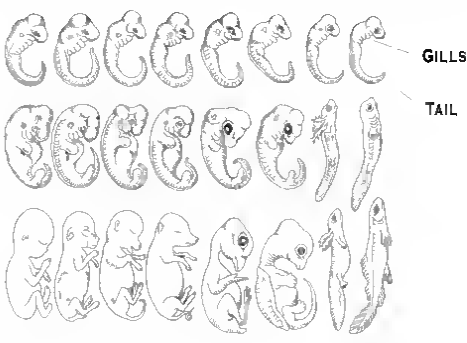
THIS IS OUR FIRST LIVING FISHMAN SPECIMEN, AFTER ALL
WE MUST BE CAUTIOUS

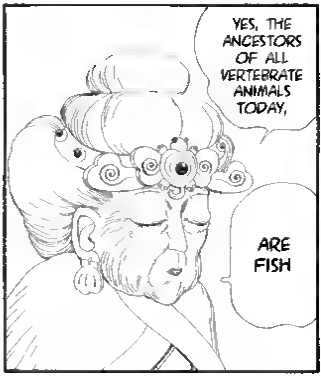


THOSE PARTS OF THE BODY THAT ARE UNNECESSARY FOR THE SPECIES, SUCH AS GILLS OR TAILS, DEGENERATE..

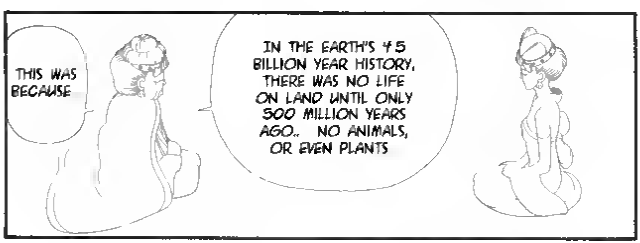
IT IS DURING THIS STAGE IN THE MOTHER'S WOMB OR EGG THAT THE EVOLUTION OF THE EMBRYOS DIFFER.

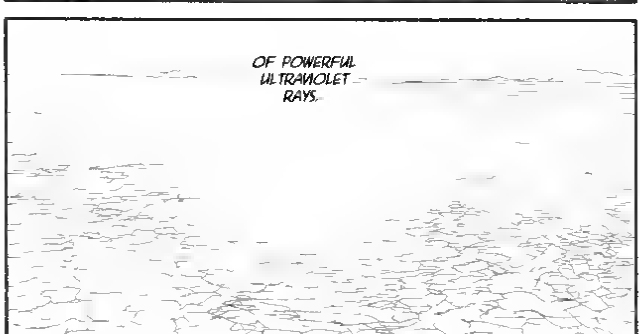
IN THE EMBRYONIC STAGE OF ALL VERTEBRATE ANIMALS, INCLUDING AMPHIBIANS REPTILES, BIRDS, MAMMALS HUMANS AND OF COURSE FISH, GILLS ARE PRESENT..

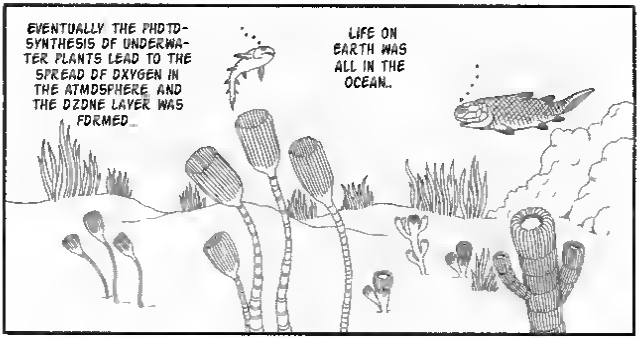


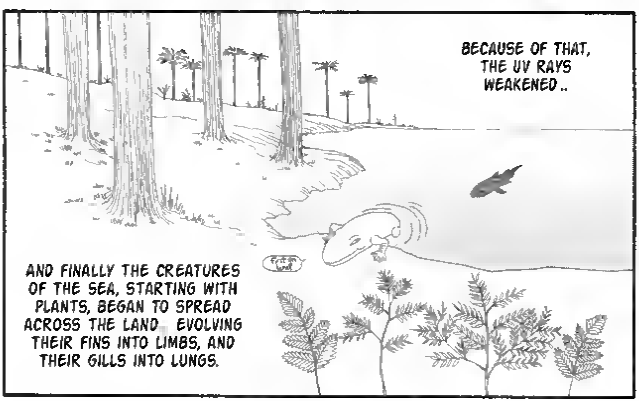

YES, THE ANCESTORS OF ALL VERTEBRATE ANIMALS TODAY,
ARE FISH

THAT'S CRAZY !!!
WE USED TO HAVE GILLS, TOO?!

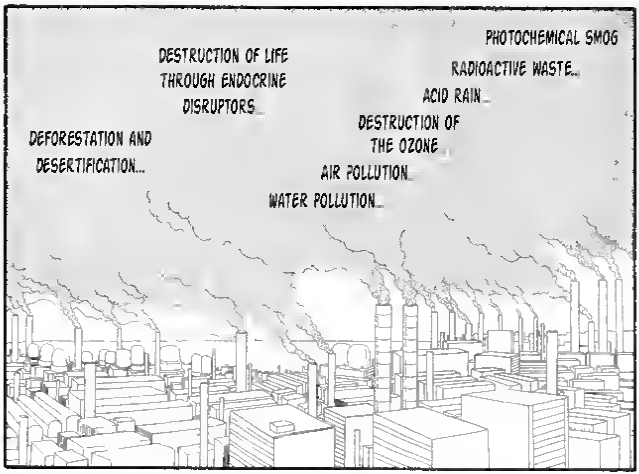

THIS WAS BECAUSE
IN THE EARTH'S 4.5 BILLION YEAR HISTORY, THERE WAS NO LIFE ON LAND UNTIL ONLY 500 MILLION YEARS AGO.. NO ANIMALS, OR EVEN PLANTS

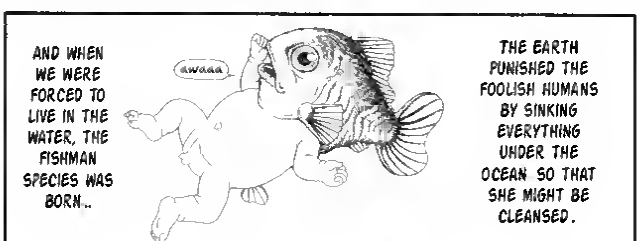

OF POWERFUL ULTRAVIOLET RAYS.

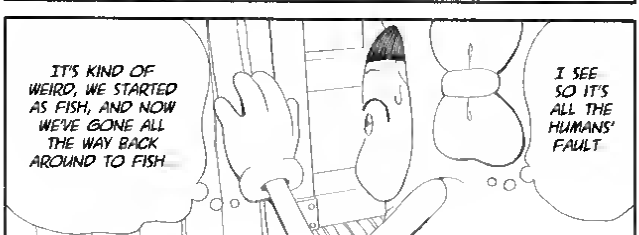

EVENTUALLY THE PHOTO-SYNTHESIS OF UNDERWATER PLANTS LEAD TO THE SPREAD OF OXYGEN IN THE ATMOSPHERE AND THE OZONE LAYER WAS FORMED...
LIFE ON EARTH WAS ALL IN THE OCEAN..

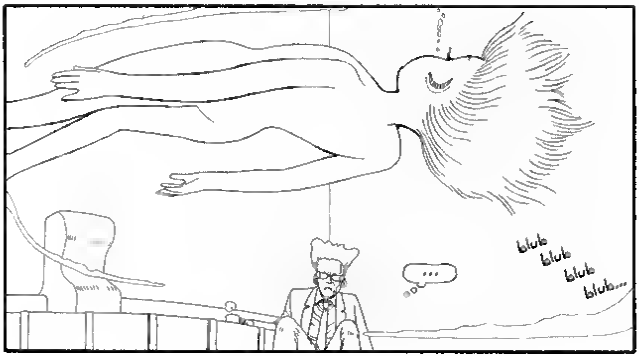

BECAUSE OF THAT, THE UV RAYS WEAKENED..
AND FINALLY THE CREATURES OF THE SEA, STARTING WITH PLANTS, BEGAN TO SPREAD ACROSS THE LAND... EVOLVING THEIR FINS INTO LIMBS, AND THEIR GILLS INTO LUNGS.

AFTER ALL OF THIS EVOLUTION, THE IDIOT HUMANS DESTROYED THEIR OWN ENVIRONMENT...


PHOTOCHEMICAL SMOG
DESTRUCTION OF LIFE THROUGH ENDOCRINE DISRUPTORS...
RADIOACTIVE WASTE...
ACID RAIN...
DESTRUCTION OF THE OZONE...
DEFORESTATION AND DESERTIFICATION...
AIR POLLUTION...
WATER POLLUTION...


AND WHEN WE WERE FORCED TO LIVE IN THE WATER, THE FISHMAN SPECIES WAS BORN...
awaaa
THE EARTH PUNISHED THE FOOLISH HUMANS BY SINKING EVERYTHING UNDER THE OCEAN SO THAT SHE MIGHT BE CLEANSED.


IT'S KIND OF WEIRD, WE STARTED AS FISH, AND NOW WE'VE GONE ALL THE WAY BACK AROUND TO FISH...
I SEE SO IT'S ALL THE HUMANS' FAULT...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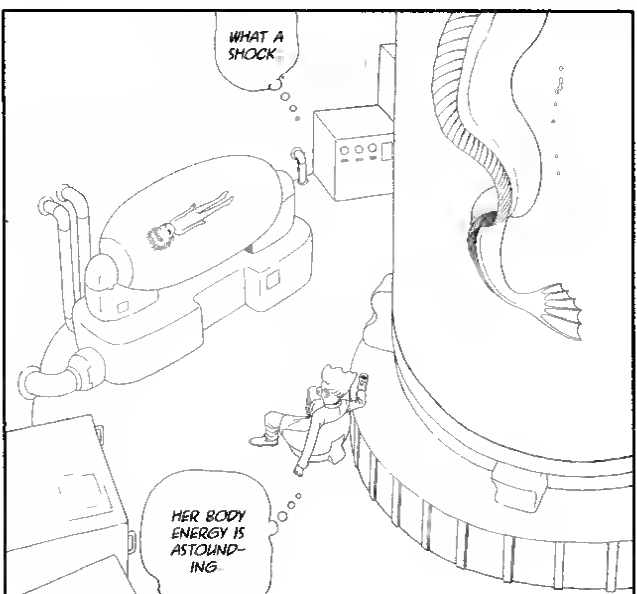
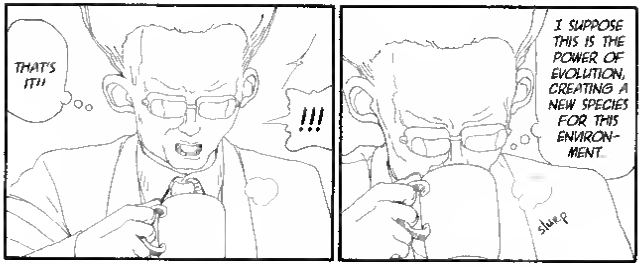

WHAT A SHOCK...
HER BODY ENERGY IS ASTOUND-ING...


THAT'S IT!!!
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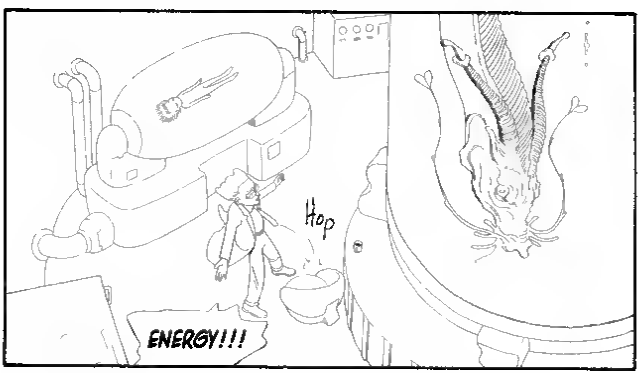
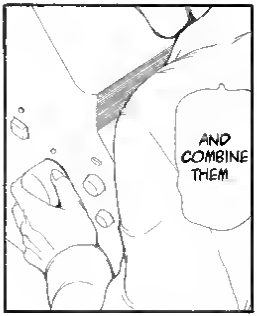
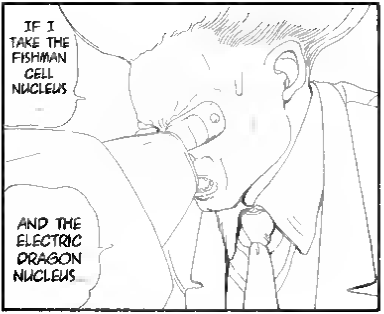
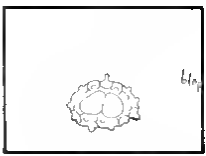
I SUPPOSE THIS IS THE POWER OF EVOLUTION, CREATING A NEW SPECIES FOR THIS ENVIRONMENT.
sluep

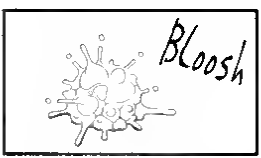

Hop
ENERGY!!!

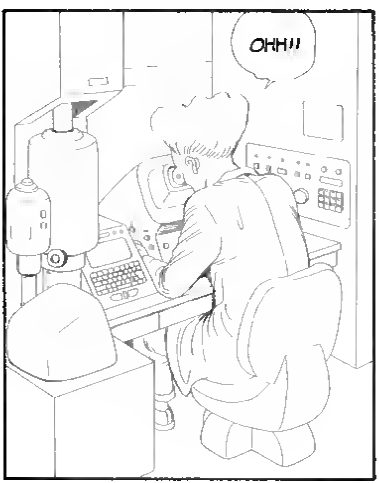
THIS IS IT!!!
blub blub blub blub...

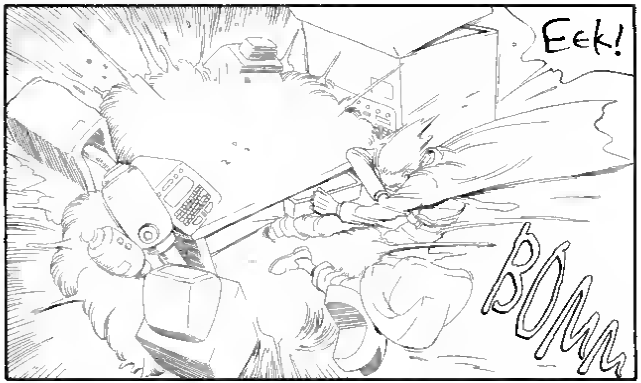

AND COMBINE THEM


IF I TAKE THE FISHMAN CELL NUCLEUS
AND THE ELECTRIC DRAGON NUCLEUS

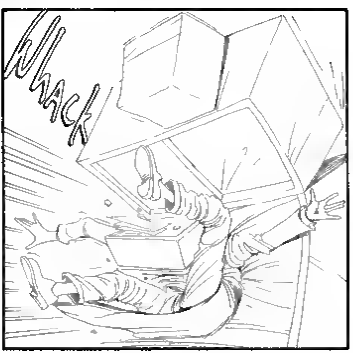



Bloosh

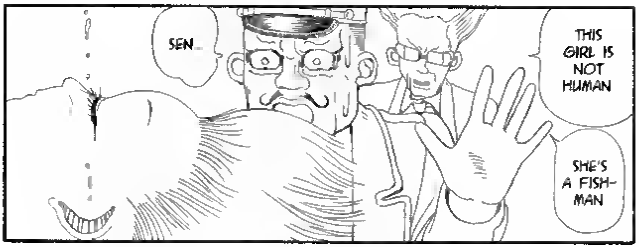

OHH!!

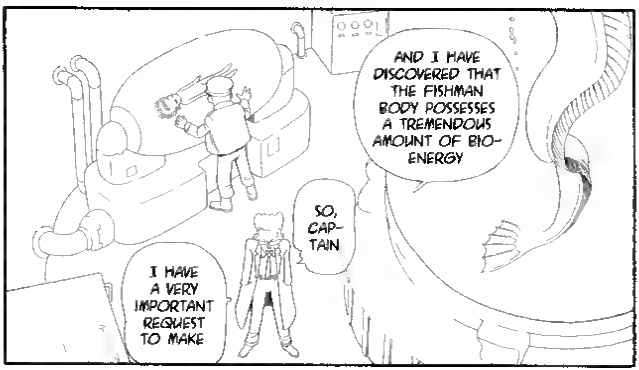

Eek!
BOOM

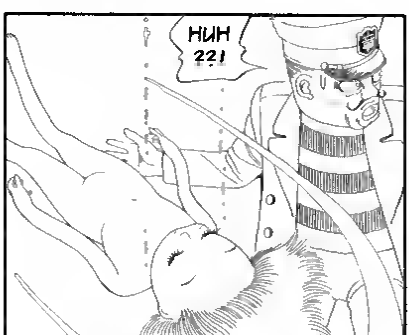
FAR GREATER THAN I HAD IMAGINED
I-INCRED-IBLE
hahaa...

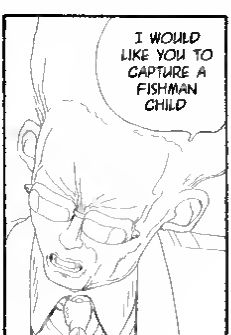

WHACK

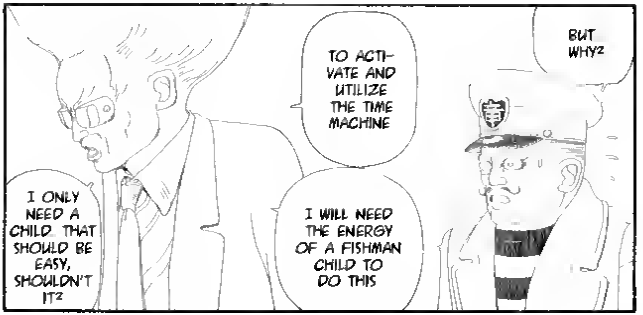
hahaa...
clunk...


SEN...
THIS GIRL IS NOT HUMAN
SHE'S A FISH-MAN

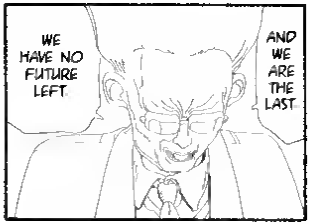

AND I HAVE DISCOVERED THAT THE FISHMAN BODY POSSESSES A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF BIO-ENERGY
SO, CAP-TAIN
I HAVE A VERY IMPORTANT REQUEST TO MAKE

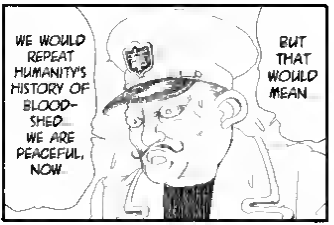

HUH ??!


I WOULD LIKE YOU TO CAPTURE A FISHMAN CHILD

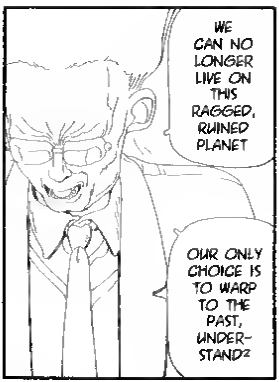

I ONLY NEED A CHILD. THAT SHOULD BE EASY, SHOULDN'T IT?
TO ACTIVATE AND UTILIZE THE TIME MACHINE
I WILL NEED THE ENERGY OF A FISHMAN CHILD TO DO THIS
BUT WHY?

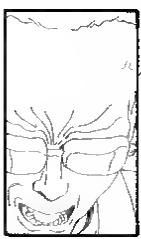
DOES NOT A CRIME MAKE!! THINK OF ALL THEY HAVE DONE TO US!!
MORALS, SCHMORALS!!
KIDNAPPING ONE OR TWO LITTLE FISHMAN CHILDREN
B... BUT... I... I COULDN'T KIDNAP A CHILD, EVEN A FISHMAN...
IT'S IMMORAL...
DON'T YOU SEE?!


WE HAVE NO FUTURE LEFT.
AND WE ARE THE LAST.


WE WOULD REPEAT HUMANITY'S HISTORY OF BLOOD-SHED... WE ARE PEACEFUL, NOW...
BUT THAT WOULD MEAN...

THIS IS FOR MAN-KIND!!
THINK OF THIS AS THE LAST FOOLISH ACT OF HUMANITY!!
PAT


WE CAN NO LONGER LIVE ON THIS RAGGED, RUINED PLANET
OUR ONLY CHOICE IS TO WARP TO THE PAST, UNDER-STAND?



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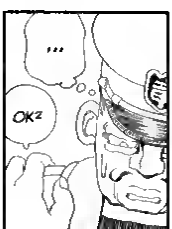
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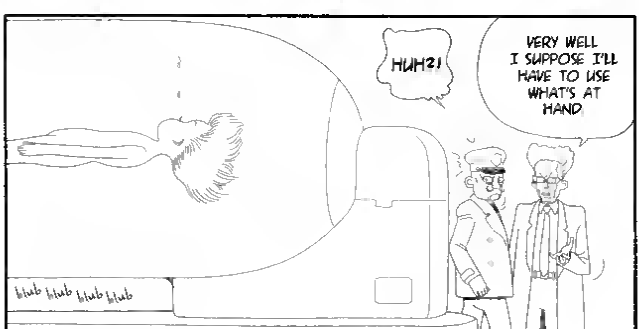
OK?


HUH?!
VERY WELL I SUPPOSE I'LL HAVE TO USE WHAT'S AT HAND
blub blub blub blub

I'LL HAVE TO FEED HER TO THE ELECTRIC DRAGON I'M SURE YOU DON'T MIND

F-FEED

blub blub blub blub...

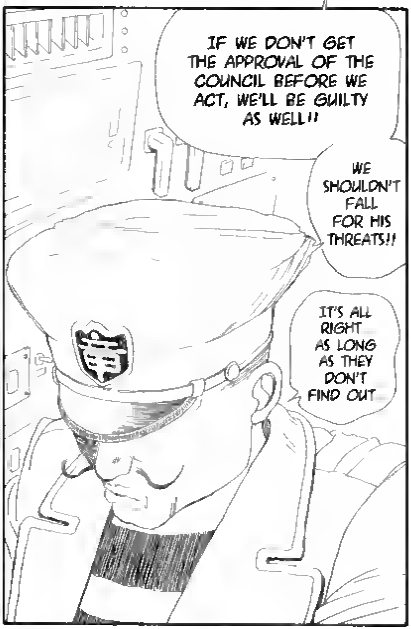
HMM?

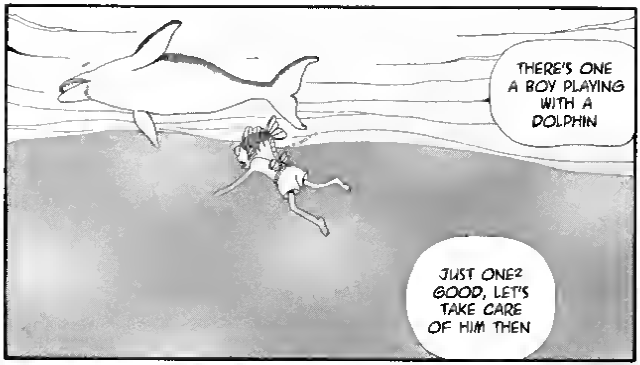
YOU MUST NOT DO SUCH A THING!!! THE POOR GIRL!!!

YOU'RE RIGHT SHE IS A FISHMAN, BUT SHE LOOKS JUST LIKE A HUMAN WHAT WILL WE DO THEN?

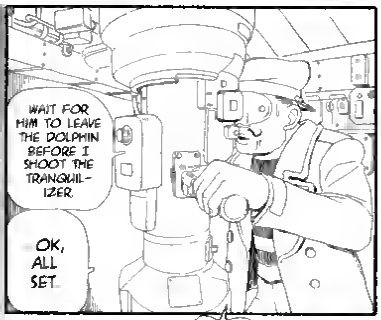
IF WE DON'T DO AS HE SAYS, HE'LL TELL THEM SEN IS A FISHMAN...
AND SHE'LL HAVE NOWHERE TO GO...
MY ONLY CHOICE IS TO FOLLOW HIS ORDERS AND KIDNAP ANOTHER FISHMAN CHILD

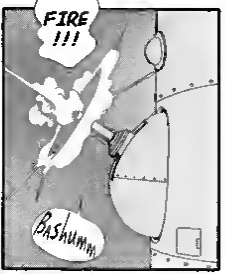
HE'S A DEMON, SIR!!

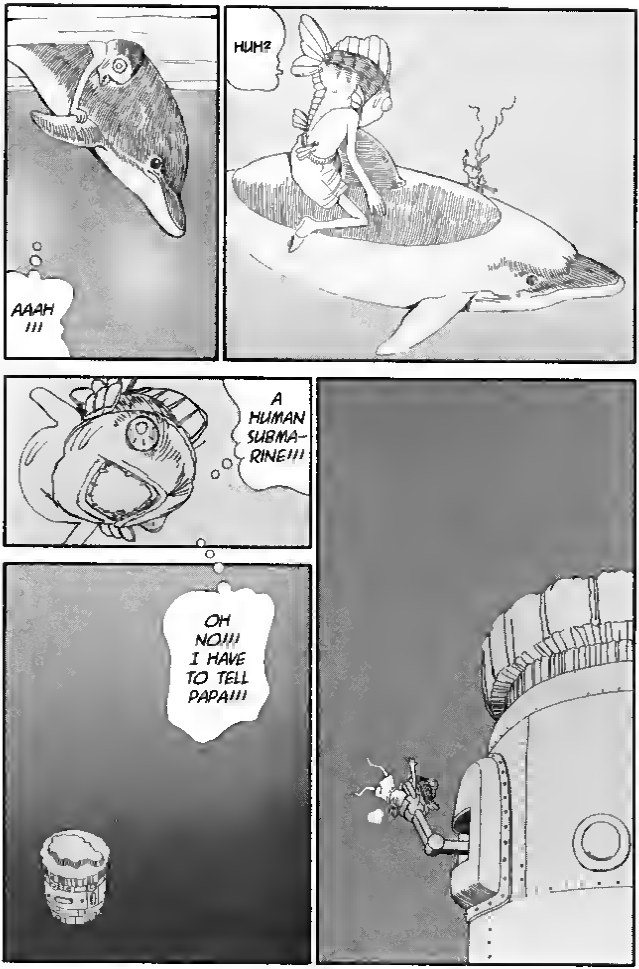

IF WE DON'T GET THE APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL BEFORE WE ACT, WE'LL BE GUILTY AS WELL!!
WE SHOULDN'T FALL FOR HIS THREATS!!
IT'S ALL RIGHT AS LONG AS THEY DON'T FIND OUT

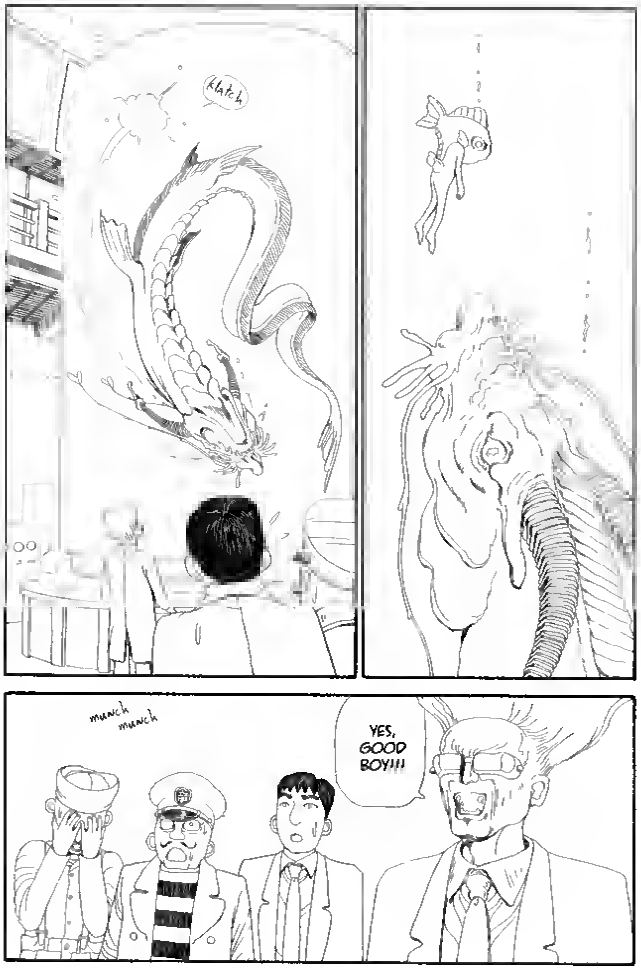

THERE'S ONE A BOY PLAYING WITH A DOLPHIN
JUST ONE? GOOD, LET'S TAKE CARE OF HIM THEN

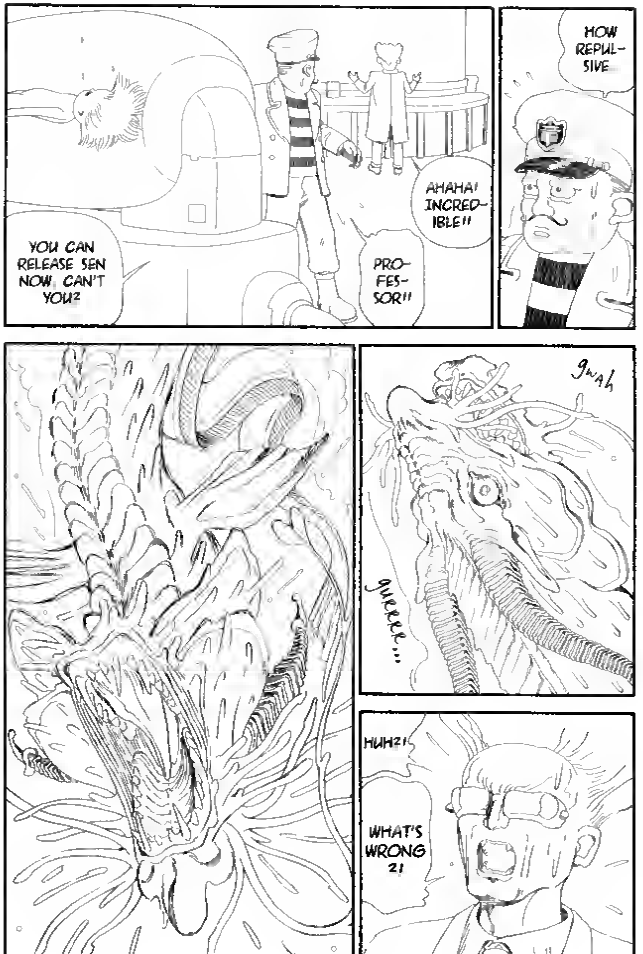
whup
I'M SORRY !!!

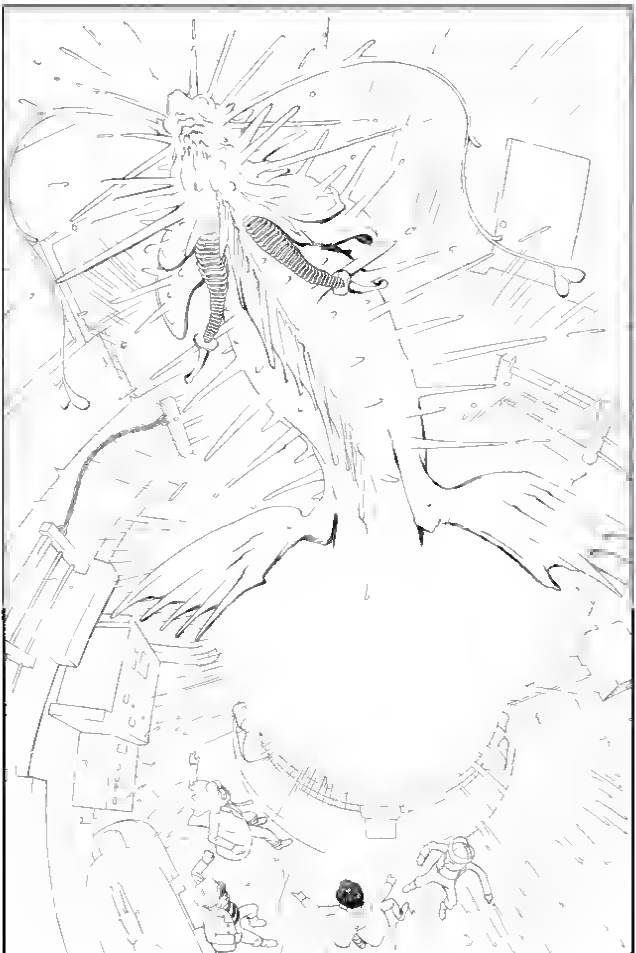

WAIT FOR HIM TO LEAVE THE DOLPHIN BEFORE I SHOOT THE TRANQUIL-IZER.
OK, ALL SET.

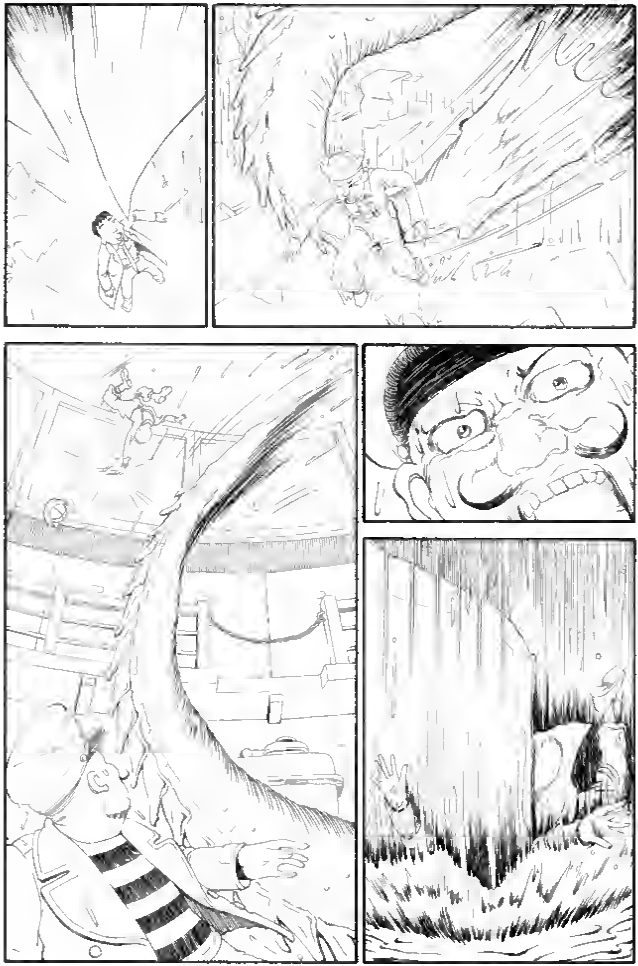

FIRE !!!
BASHUMM

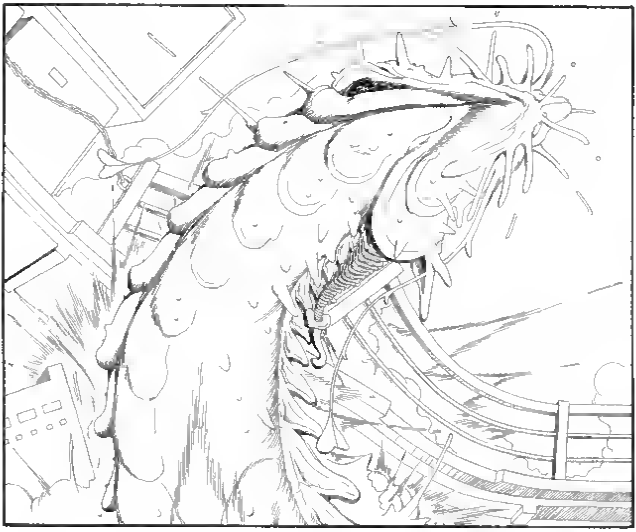

AAAH !!!
HUH?
A HUMAN SUBMA-RINE!!!
OH NO!!! I HAVE TO TELL PAPA!!!

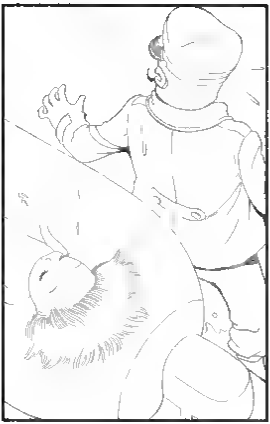

khatch
munch munch
YES, GOOD BOY!!!

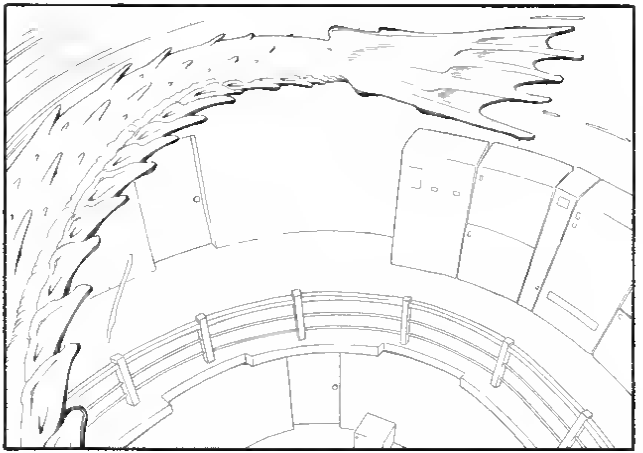

YOU CAN RELEASE SEN NOW, CAN'T YOU?
AHAHA! INCRED-IBLE!!
PRO-FES-SOR!!
HOW REPUL-SIVE
gwah
guekkk...
HUH?!
WHAT'S WRONG ?!

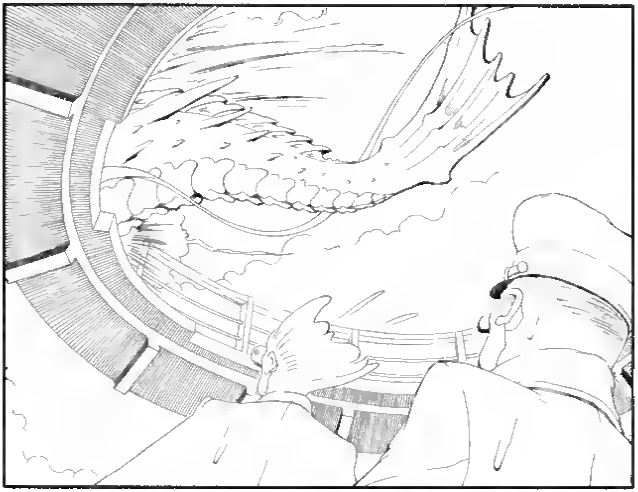


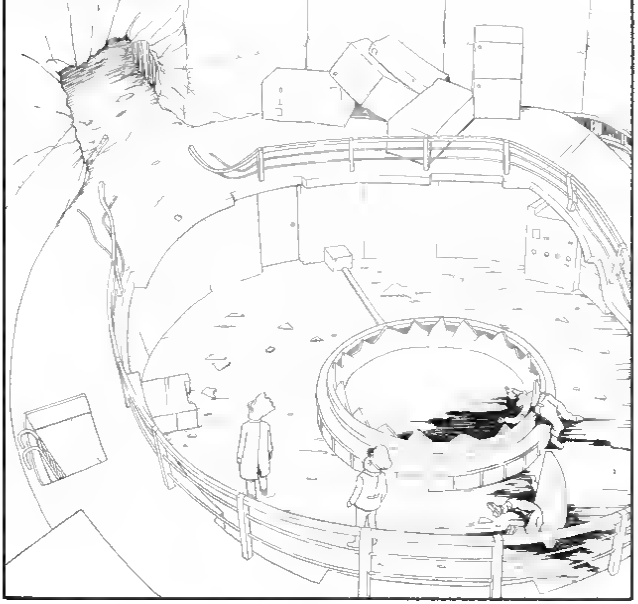


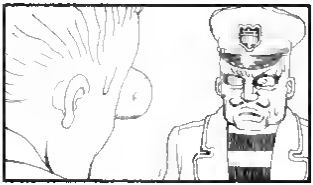


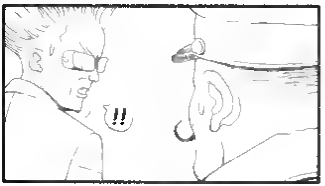








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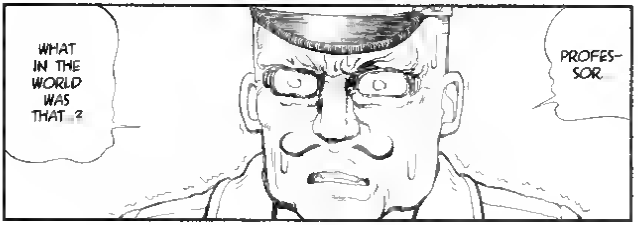
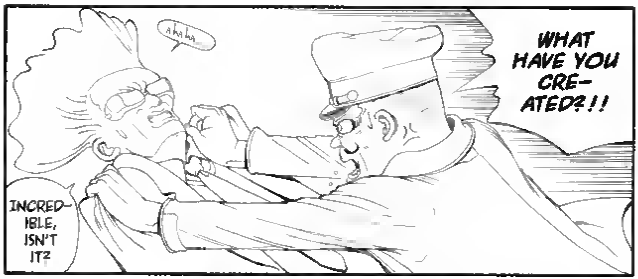
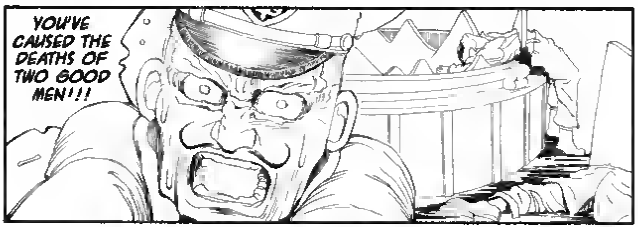
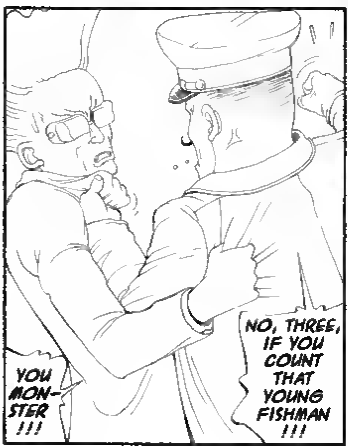
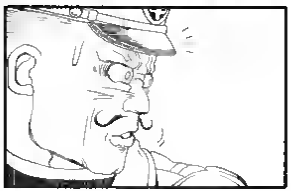
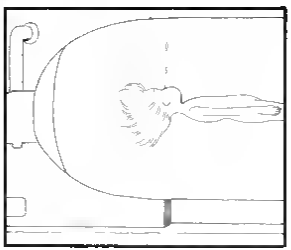

WHAT IN THE WORLD WAS THAT...?
PROFES-SOR...


AHAHA
WHAT HAVE YOU CRE-ATED?!!
INCRED-IBLE, ISN'T IT?


YOU'VE CAUSED THE DEATHS OF TWO GOOD MEN!!!


YOU MON-STER !!!
NO, THREE, IF YOU COUNT THAT YOUNG FISHMAN !!!



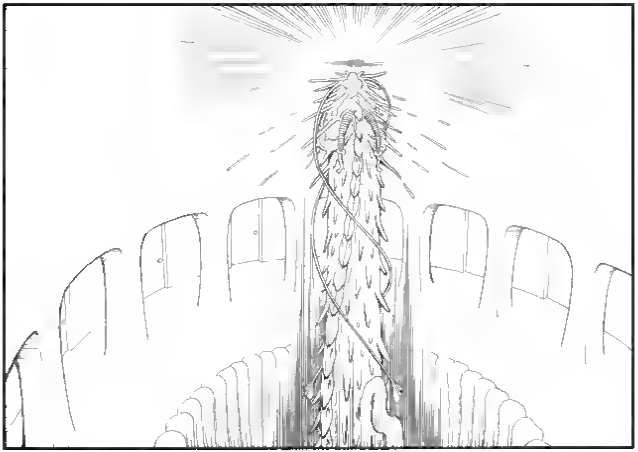


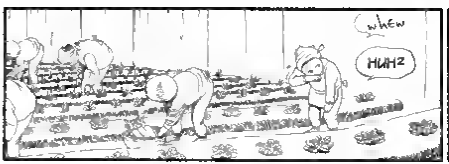
WHERE HAS THAT DRAGON GONE?!!
CRACK
BLAST YOUR SILLY TIME MACHINE !!
REJOICE!!! FOR SOON WE SHALL VISIT THE GLORIOUS WORLD OF THE PAST!!!
AND THEN, I SHALL ACTIVATE THE TIME MACHINE !!!
HE'LL RETURN SOON IT'S HIS HOMING INSTINCT
HEH HEH
REJOICE?!! HOW WILL I DO THAT, KNOWING THAT MY PARTNER DIED FOR THAT FILTHY MACHINE?!

BUT DID YOU KNOW...
THAT WITH THAT TIME MACHINE, YOU CAN RESTART YOUR LIFE, OVER AND OVER. YES
ha ha ha...
ERASE ALL YOUR MISTAKES AND FAILURES, REWRITE THE TRUTH AS YOU SEE FIT...
YOU COULD EVEN BRING THE DEAD BACK TO LIFE...
REALLY?! THEN, WE COULD REVIVE MY PARTNER?!
Hmmmm,
MAYBE
thwack
'MAYBE' ISN'T GOING TO CUT IT, YOU SCUMBAG !!!
urg

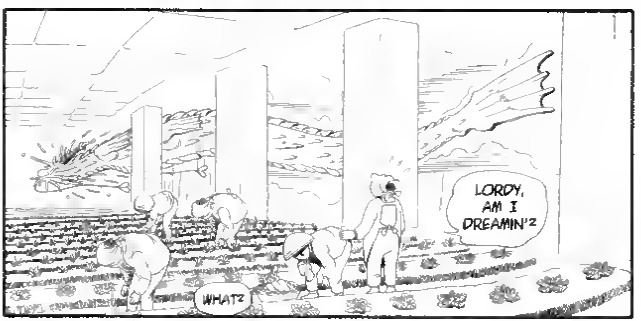
HUM ?
WHUZ-ZAT?
WHOAA !!!
CLONK

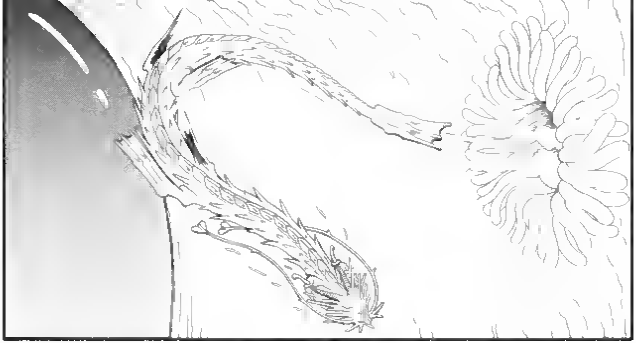
WHAT WAS THAT ?
WHA

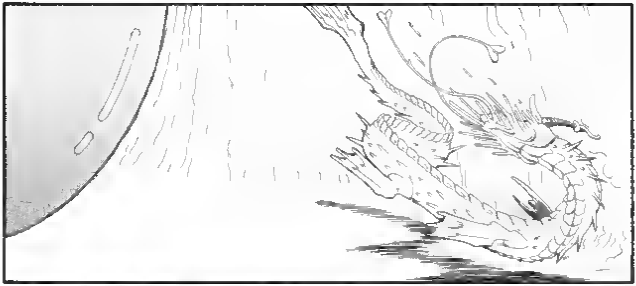



WHEW
HUH?

huf huf


LORDY, AM I DREAMIN'?
WHAT?





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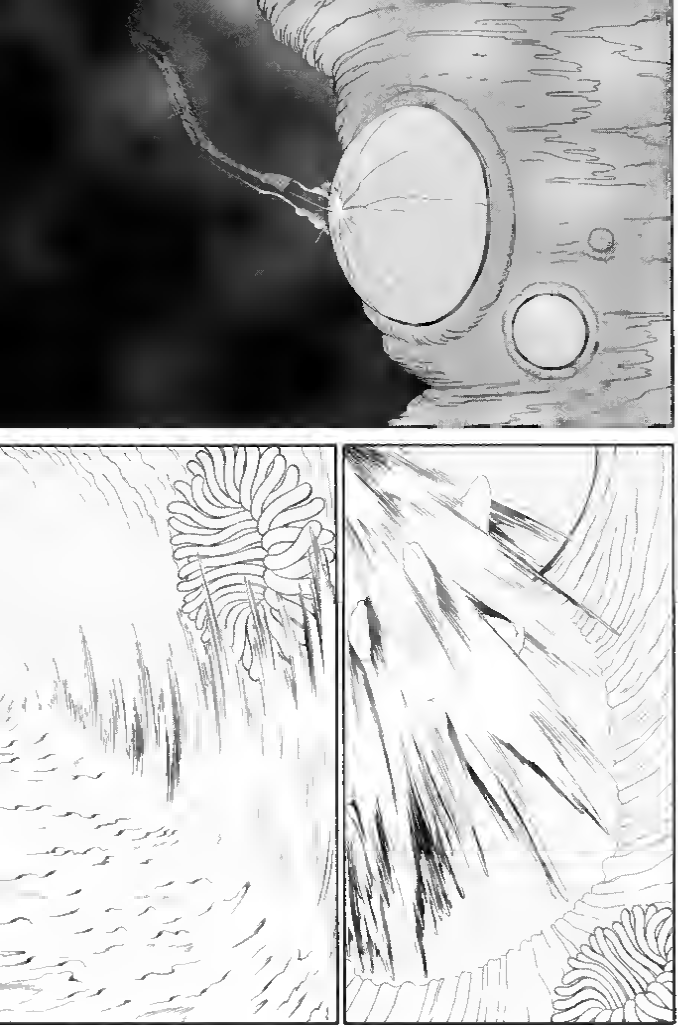
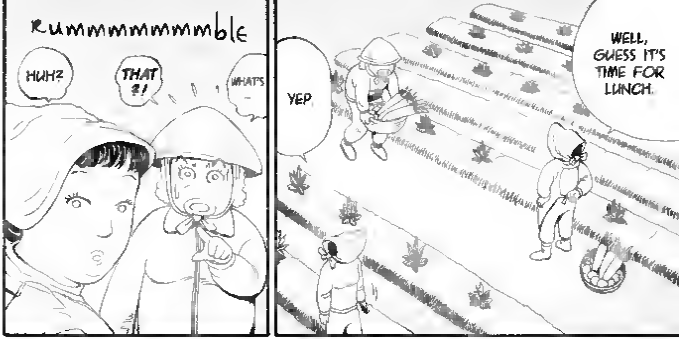
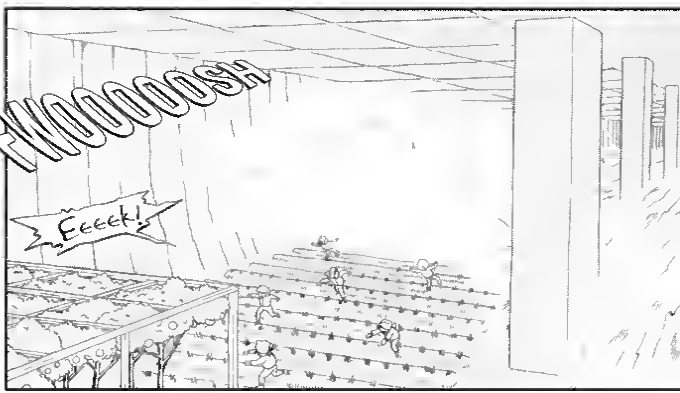
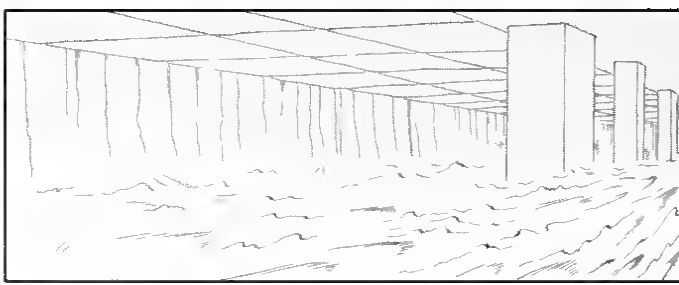
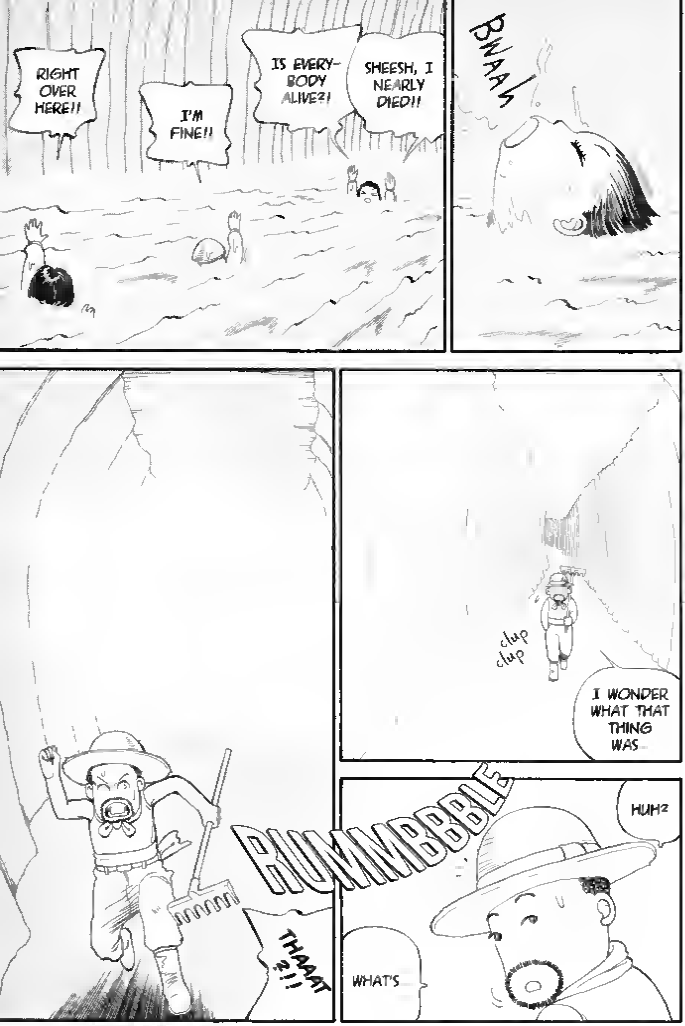



Rummmmmmmble
HUH?
THAT ?!
WHAT'S
YEP.
WELL, GUESS IT'S TIME FOR LUNCH.

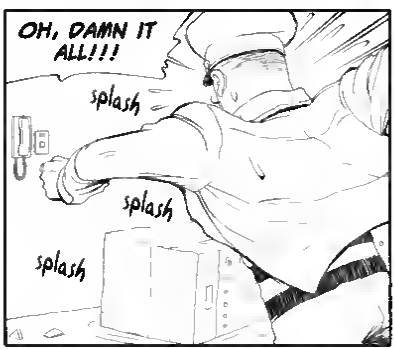

FWOOOOOSH
Eeeek!

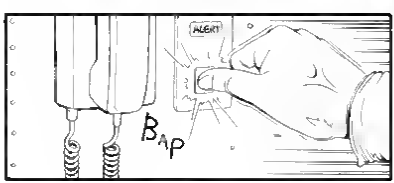


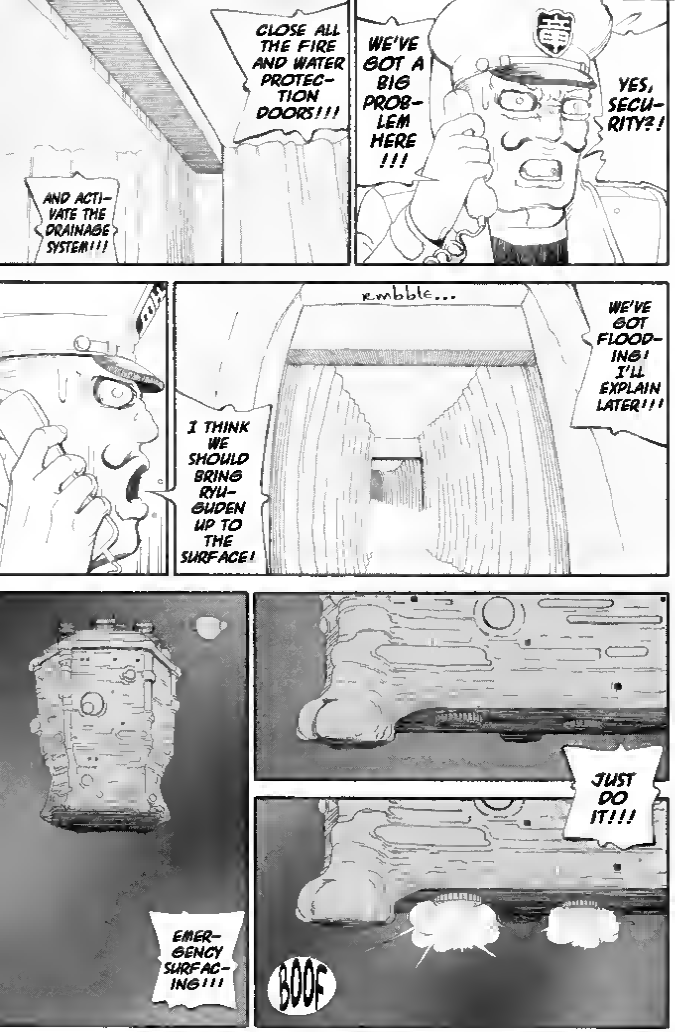

RIGHT OVER HERE!!
I'M FINE!!
IS EVERY-BODY ALIVE?!
SHEESH, I NEARLY DIED!!
BWAAA
clup clup
I WONDER WHAT THAT THING WAS...
RUMMBBBLE
THAAAT?!!
WHAT'S...
HUH?

WHAT IS THAT SOUND?!
RRRRRRRRRRRR
...

I THINK WE'RE TAKING WATER. THE ELECTRIC DRAGON MUST HAVE GOTTEN OUTSIDE


OH, DAMN IT ALL!!!
splash
splash
splash

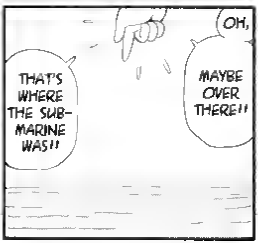

ALERT
BAP

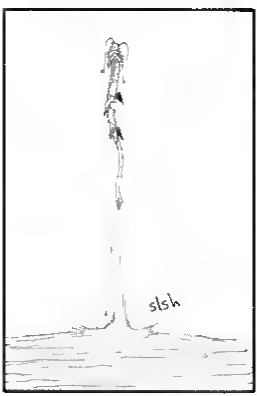

CLOSE ALL THE FIRE AND WATER PROTECTION DOORS!!!
AND ACTIVATE THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM!!!
WE'VE GOT A BIG PROBLEM HERE!!!
YES, SECURITY?!
I THINK WE SHOULD BRING RYUGUDEN UP TO THE SURFACE!
rumbble...
WE'VE GOT FLOODING! I'LL EXPLAIN LATER!!!
EMERGENCY SURFACING!!!
JUST DO IT!!!
BOOF

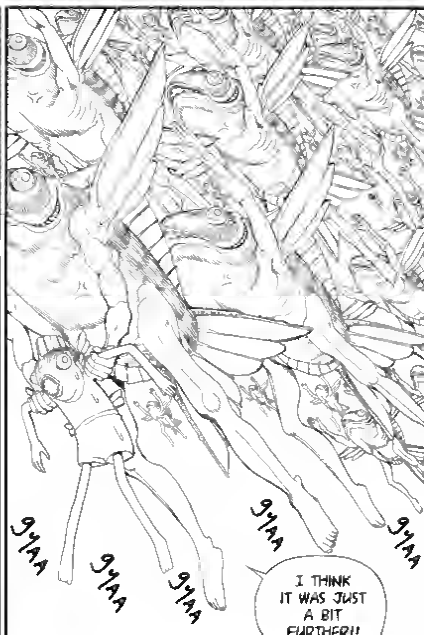
WHERE'S THE HUMANS WHAT STOLE OUR CHILLEN?

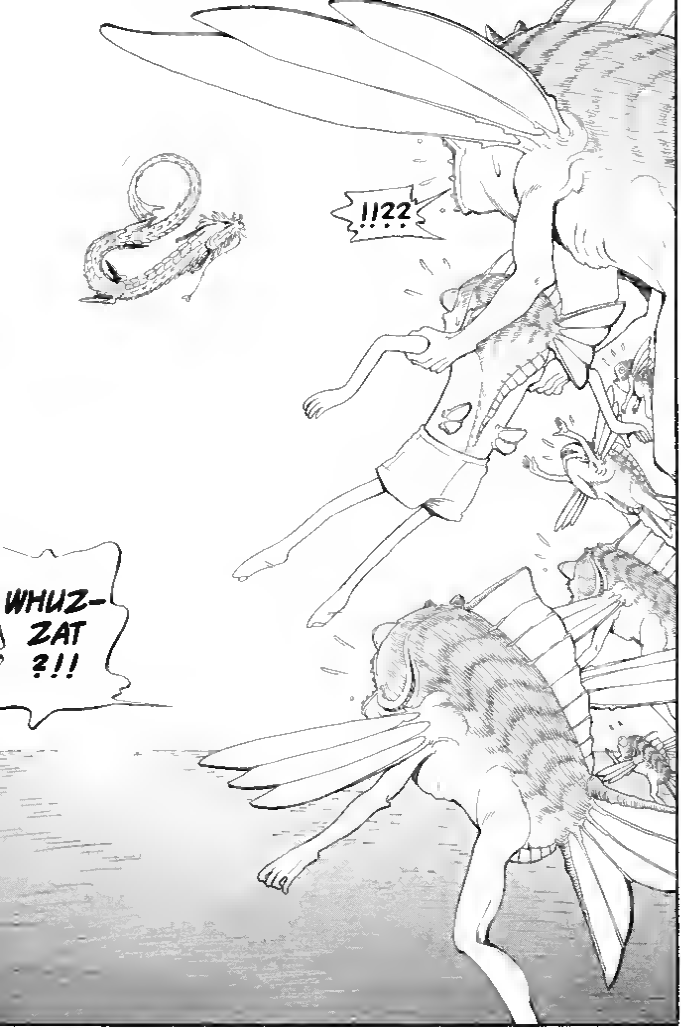
WHERE'S THE HUMANS ?!

WHERE'S THE HUMANS ?!





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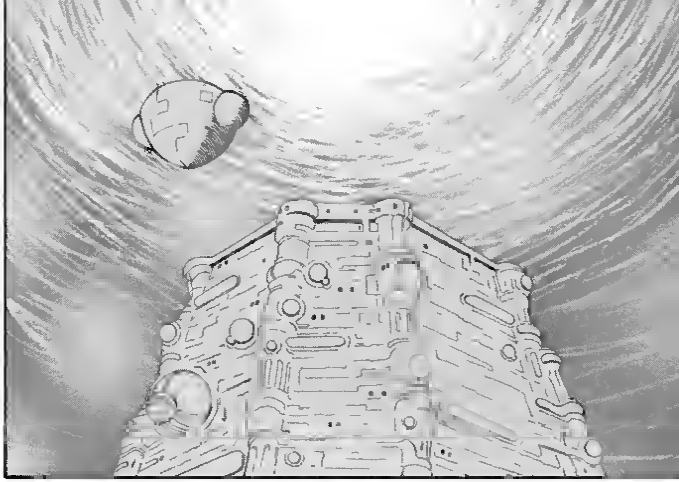
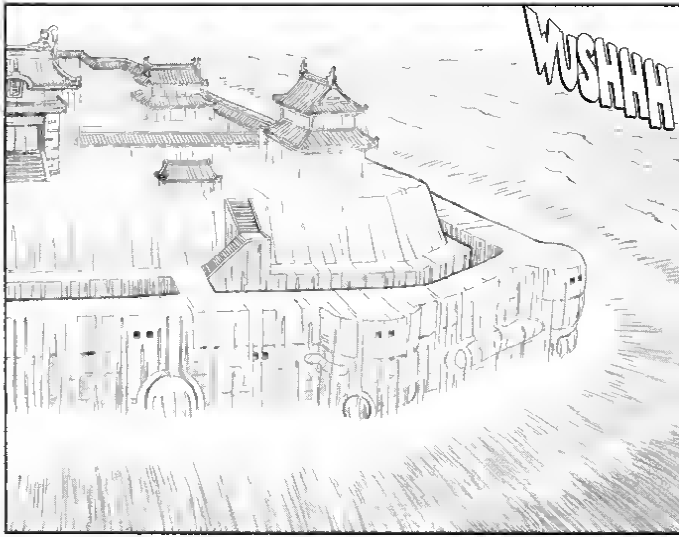
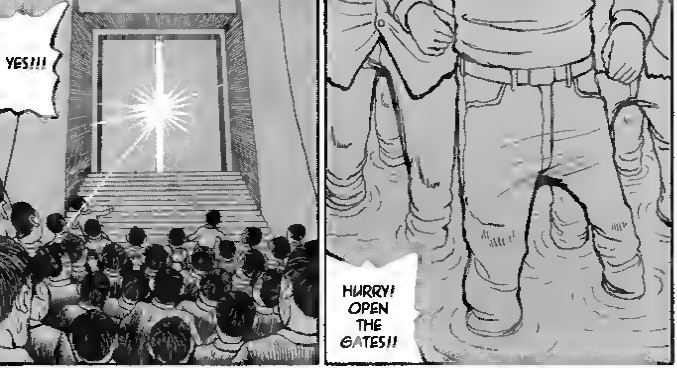
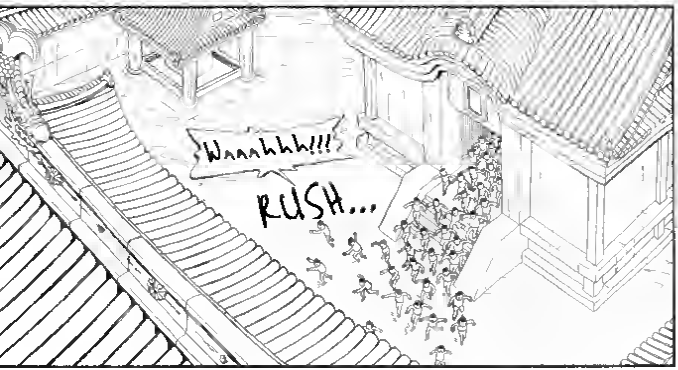
WHUZ-
ZAT
?!!




WUSHHH

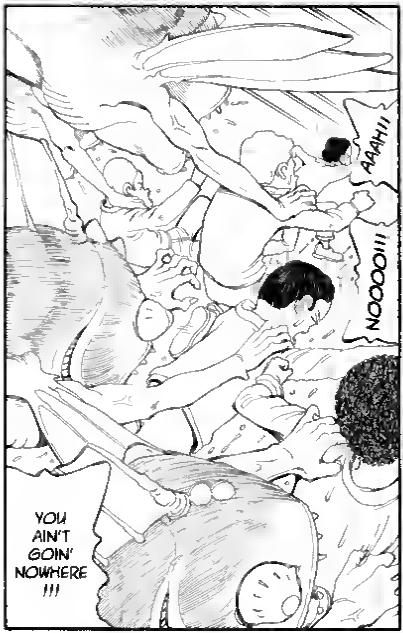

YES!!!
HURRY! OPEN THE GATES!!


Waaahhh!!!
RUSH...

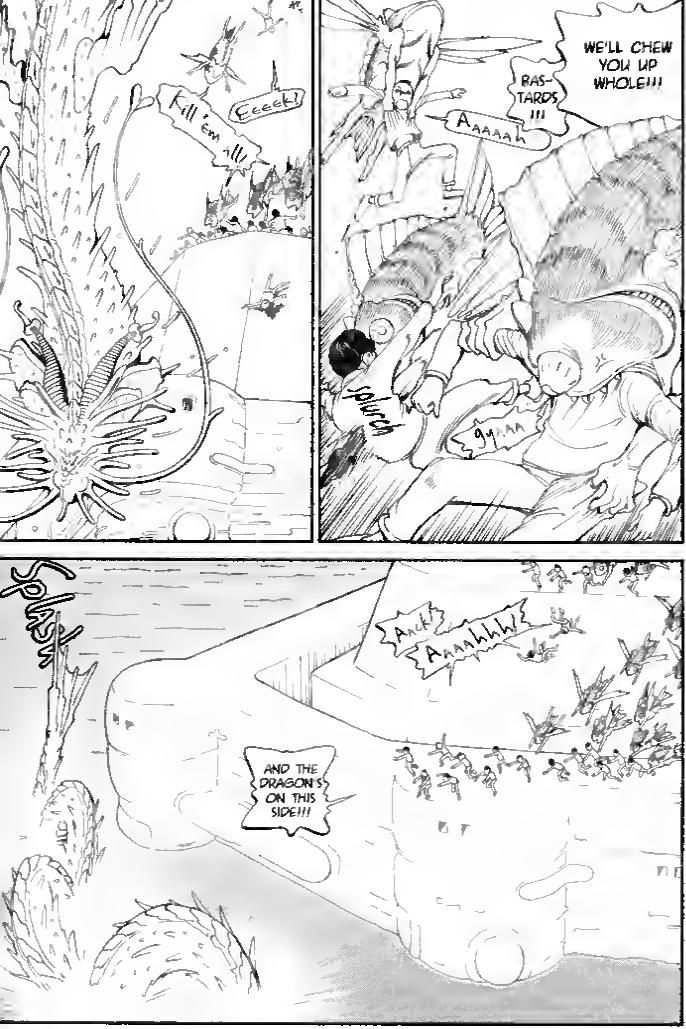
WHAT'S THAT?!!
!!??

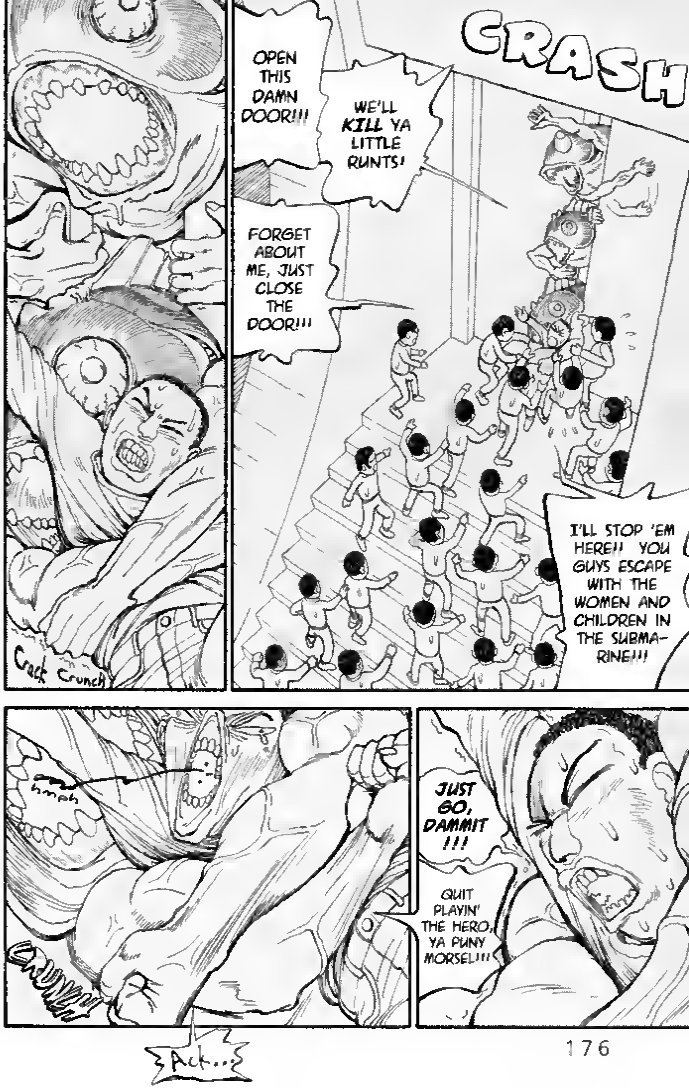
IT'S A... DRAGON !!!
SOME-THING ELSE IS COMING, TOO!!!
WE FOUND THE HU-MANSSSS!!

AIN'T NOTHIN' TO BE 'FRAID OF!!!
LOOK AT THAT DRAGON, IT'S JUST SPINNIN' AROUND!!!


AAAH!!
NOOOO!!!
YOU AIN'T GOIN' NOWHERE !!!

RUN!! RUN FOR IT!!!
FISH-MAN AT-TACK!!


WE'LL CHEW YOU UP WHOLE!!!
BAS-TARDS !!!
AAAAAH
splurch
Eeeek!
Kill 'em all!
Splash
AAAAHHH!
AND THE DRAGON'S ON THIS SIDE!!!


CRASH
OPEN THIS DAMN DOOR!!!
WE'LL KILL YA LITTLE RUNTS!
FORGET ABOUT ME, JUST CLOSE THE DOOR!!!
I'LL STOP 'EM HERE!! YOU GUYS ESCAPE WITH THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN THE SUBMA-RINE!!!
Crack Crunch
JUST GO, DAMMIT !!!
QUIT PLAYIN' THE HERO, YA PUNY MORSEL!!!
hmph
Ack...

WIMPY HUM NS, HUM NS WIMPY!!!

GET OUT HERE!!!

GOLLY, WHAT A HOLE...

IS HE IN HERE...?

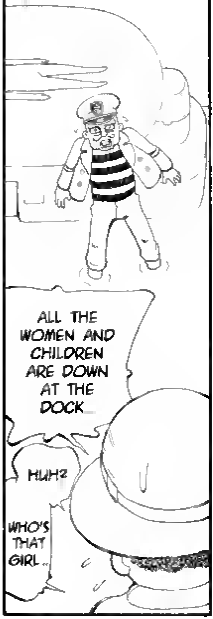
HEY, CAP'N !!!

splash

splash

SUBMARINE CAPTAIN!!! WHERE ARE YE?!!

'EY!!! CAPTAIN !!!


ALL THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN ARE DOWN AT THE DOCK...
HUH?
WHO'S THAT GIRL...

AHA!! CAPTAIN!!! WE GOT BIG TROUBLE!!! THE FISHMENS ARE ATTACKIN'!!!
WHAT?!!

OH!!! UHH
splash
splash

WHAT THE? SHE AIN'T GOT NO...

IT'S NOTHING!!! PAY HER NO MIND!!! GO AHEAD TO THE DOCK, I'LL CATCH UP!!!
HEY, WHERE'S THAT GIRL'S
ALL YOU NEED ME TO DO IS PILOT THE SUBMARINE AND ESCAPE WITH THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN, RIGHT?!! GOT IT!!! I'M ON IT!!!
EARS
W-WELL, ALL RIGHT, BUT...
NO THANKS TO YOU, YOU FILTHY BASTARD!!!
CRACK
THIS IS QUITE A PREDICAMENT, CAPTAIN

I DON'T THINK EVEN THE FISHMEN WOULD ATTACK THEIR OWN KIND, BUT I CAN'T BE SURE!!!
tch
...

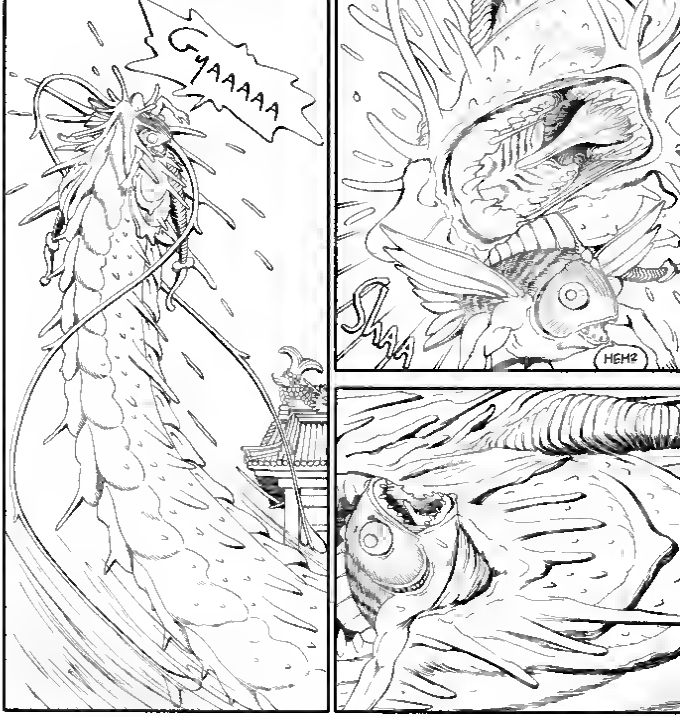
I'M LEAVING SEN HERE!!! GUARD HER WITH YOUR LIFE!!!

DAMMIT!!! DON'T GET KILLED, GUYS!!!
splash splash splash

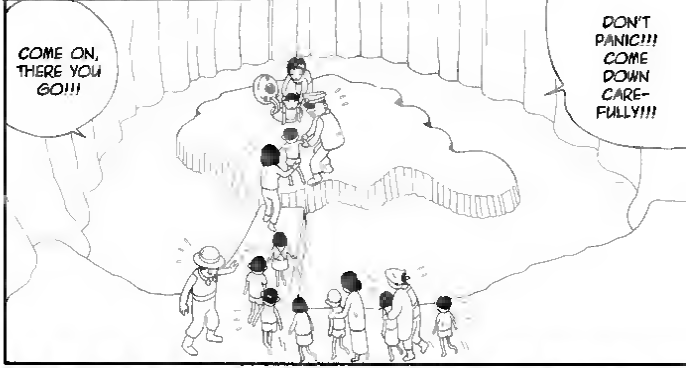
YOU'LL BE IN FOR IT IF SHE DIES!!! GOT THAT?!!

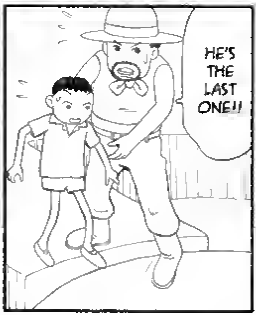
YEAH, YEAH!!

TAKE THAT !!!
YA CAN'T OVER-POWER US WITH STRENGTH!!
YAAAAA!
AAAAAH!


GAAAAA
SHAA
HEH?
THE DRAGON'S GOIN' WILD!!!
MUNCH MUNCH
HUH?!!
LOOK!!! IT'S EATIN'IM!!! DE DRAGON'S EATIN'IM!!!
AAAHHH!!!

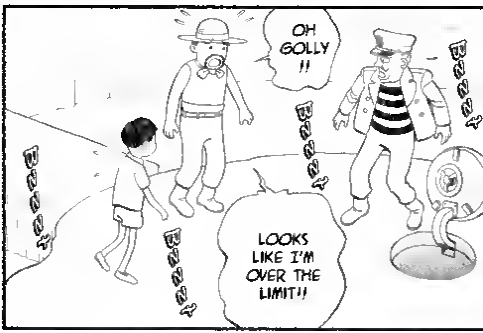
grrr
Gyaaaa
WAAAAH!!! HERE IT COMES, HERE IT COMES!!!
FLEE!! FLEE FER YOUR LIVES!!!
munch munch
HE'S GONNA EAT US ALL, ONE BY ONE!!!


COME ON, THERE YOU GO!!!
DON'T PANIC!!! COME DOWN CARE-FULLY!!!

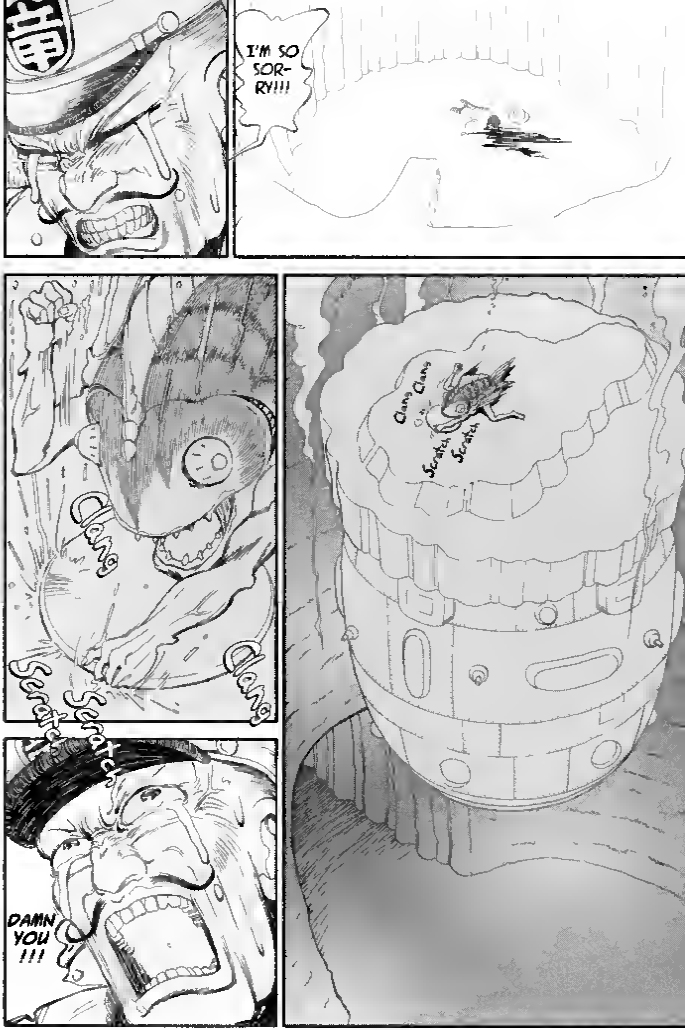

HE'S THE LAST ONE!!

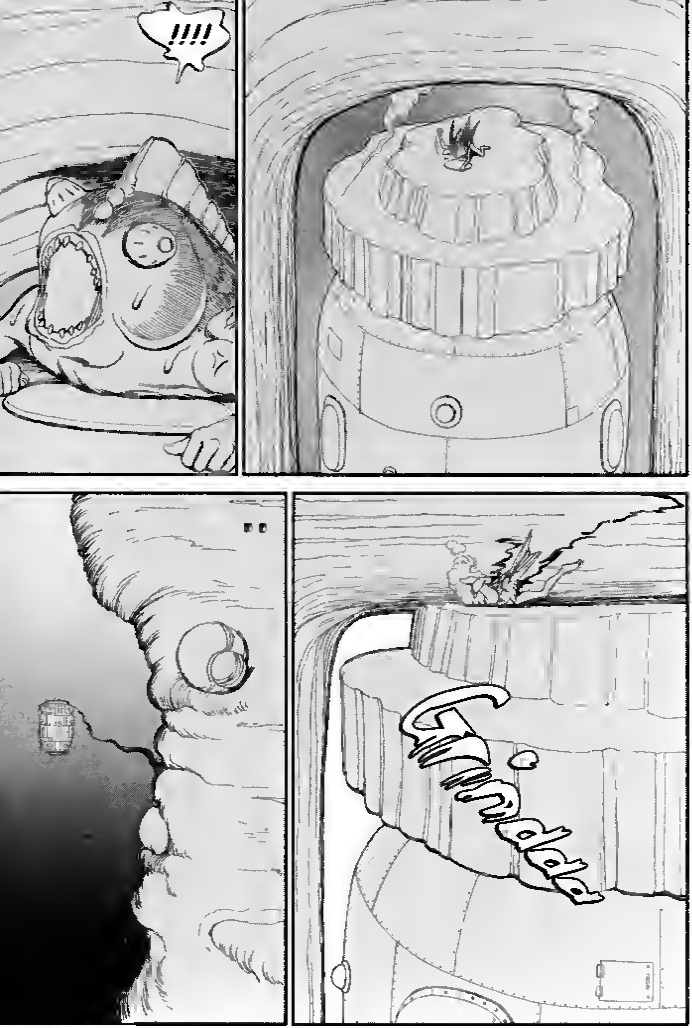
THERE'S NO MORE ROOM!
SQUEEZE!
SQUEEZE

I GUESS I'LL BE STAYIN' BACK G'BYE, CAPTAIN
WELL THEN,


OH GOLLY !!
LOOKS LIKE I'M OVER THE LIMIT!!

GASP !!!
THERE YA ARE!!!
WAIT, DON'T GO!! THERE'S ROOM FOR ONE MORE!!!
COME IN!!!!
DON' WORRY 'BOUT ME!!!
GET INSIDE AND LOCK THE HATCH!!!
HEY!!!
LEAVE THE REST TO ME!!!
Bang
Gyaaa
!!!


I'M SO SOR-RY!!!
Clang
Clang
Scratch
Scratch
DAMN YOU !!!
Clang Clang
Scratch
Scratch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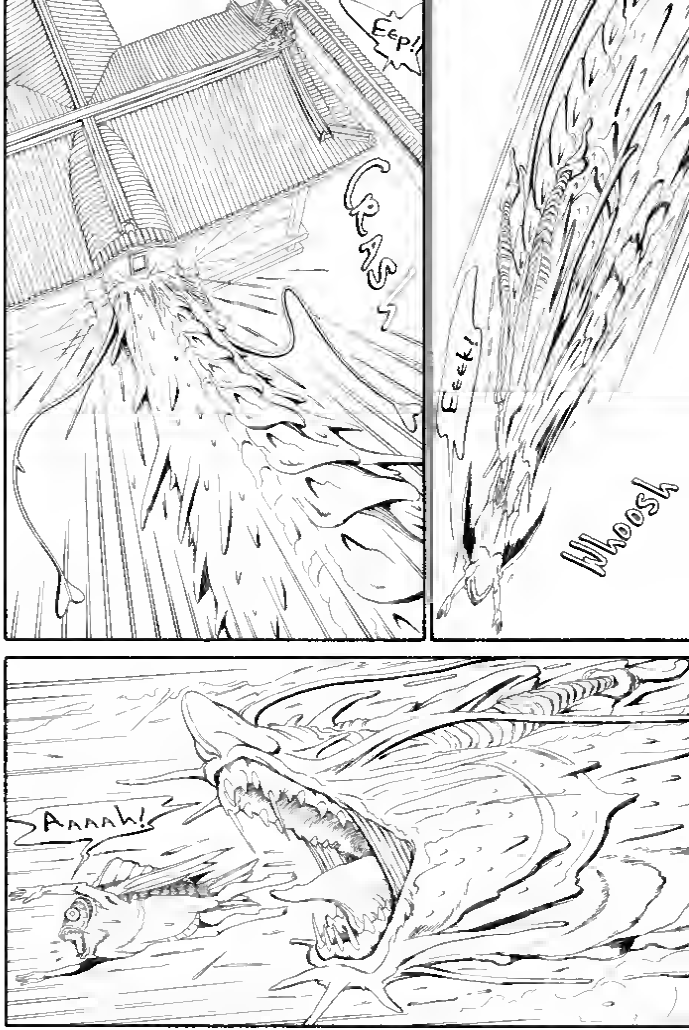
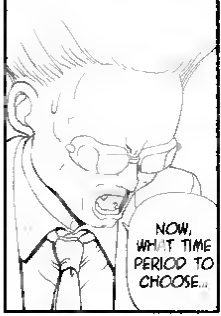
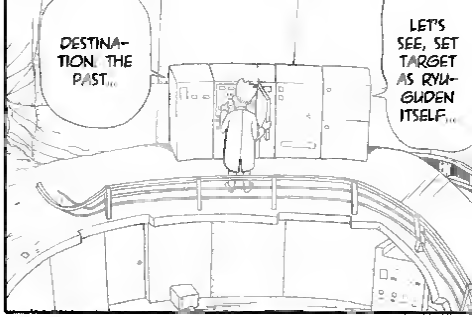
Grindda

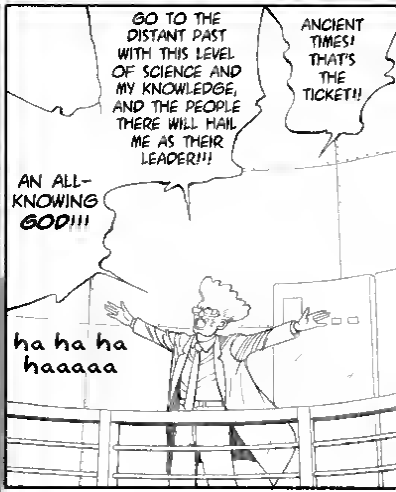

Eep!
CRAS
Eeek!
Whoosh
Aaaah!

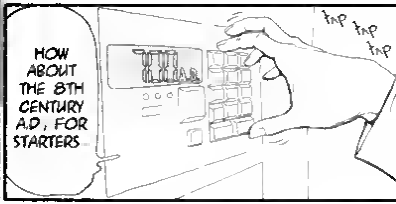
HA-HA! THE ELECTRIC DRAGON IS RETURN-ING!!!
rumble...
TIME TO ACTI-VATE!!!
TIME TO ACTI-VATE!!!
chang
chang
IS IT COMING BACK?
rumble...
rumble...
HUH ?
...
COME ON, GET MOVING!!!
BACK ON YOUR FEET!!!
WHUMP
hmph
TIME TO ACTIVATE
THE TIME MA-CHINE !!!

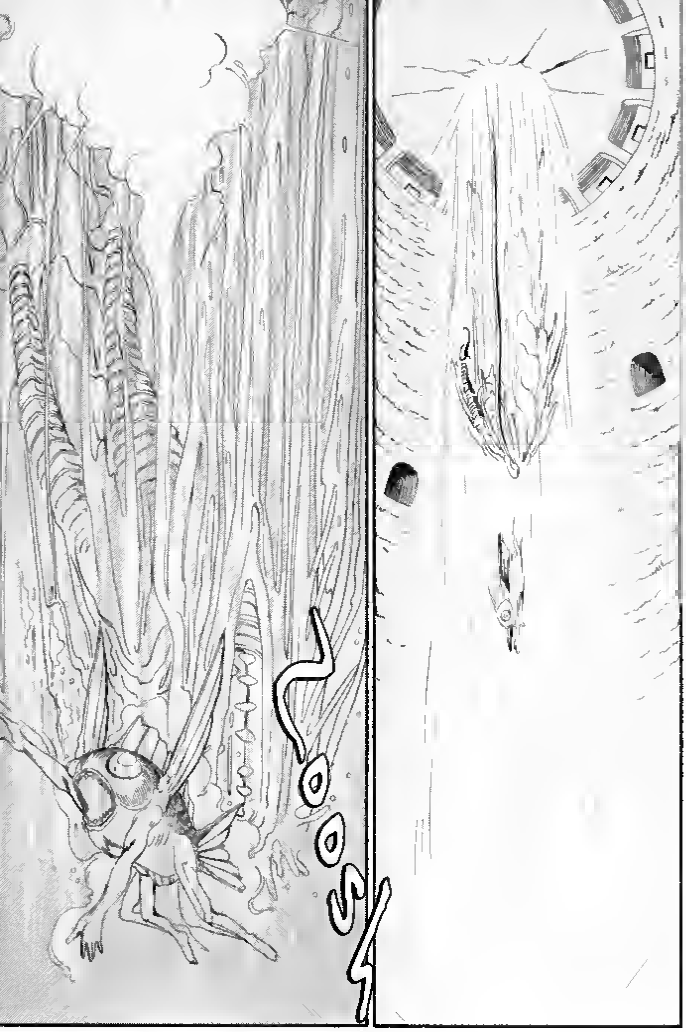

NOW, WHAT TIME PERIOD TO CHOOSE...

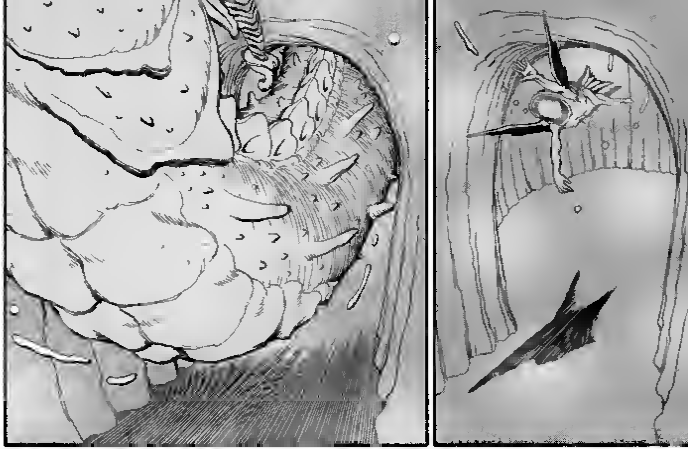

DESTINATION: THE PAST...
LET'S SEE, SET TARGET AS RYUGUDEN ITSELF...

OH, RIGHT!!! I NEARLY FORGOT !!!
I MIGHT BE ELECTROCUTED TO DEATH IN THESE CLOTHES!!
hump hump
I'VE GOT TO CHANGE INTO EQUIPMENT THAT CAN WITHSTAND THE DRAGON'S ULTRA-HIGH VOLTAGE!!!

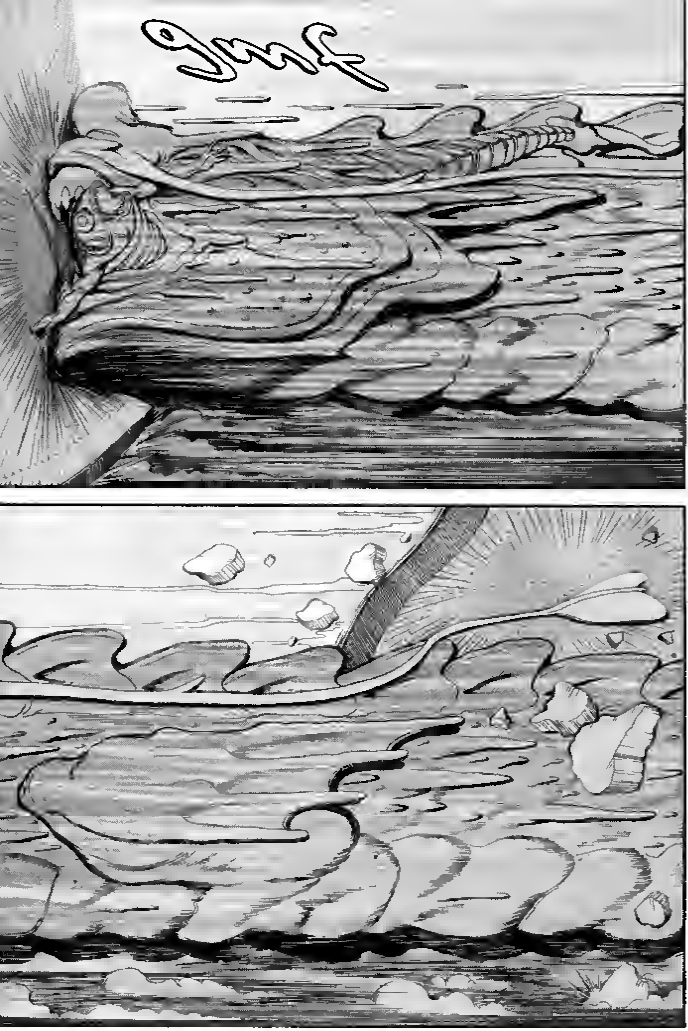

GO TO THE DISTANT PAST WITH THIS LEVEL OF SCIENCE AND MY KNOWLEDGE, AND THE PEOPLE THERE WILL HAIL ME AS THEIR LEADER!!!
ANCIENT TIMES! THAT'S THE TICKET!!
AN ALL-KNOWING GOD!!!
ha ha ha haaaaa


HOW ABOUT THE 8TH CENTURY A.D., FOR STARTERS...
tap tap tap


Loosh



oh
crap.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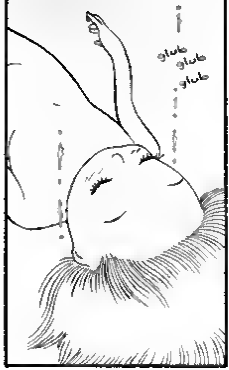
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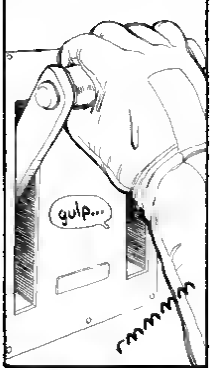
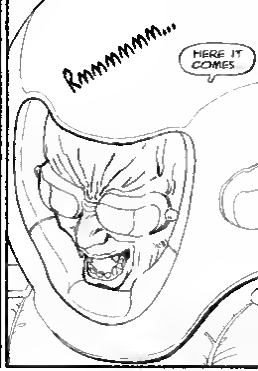
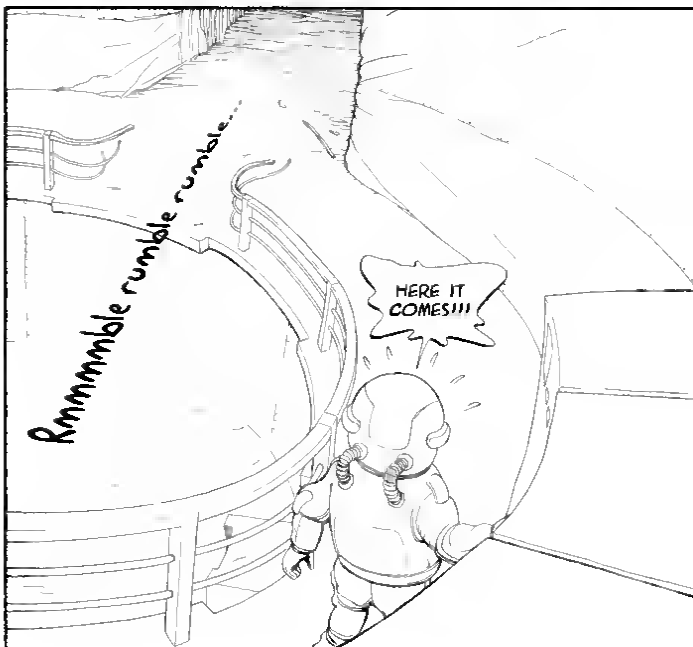
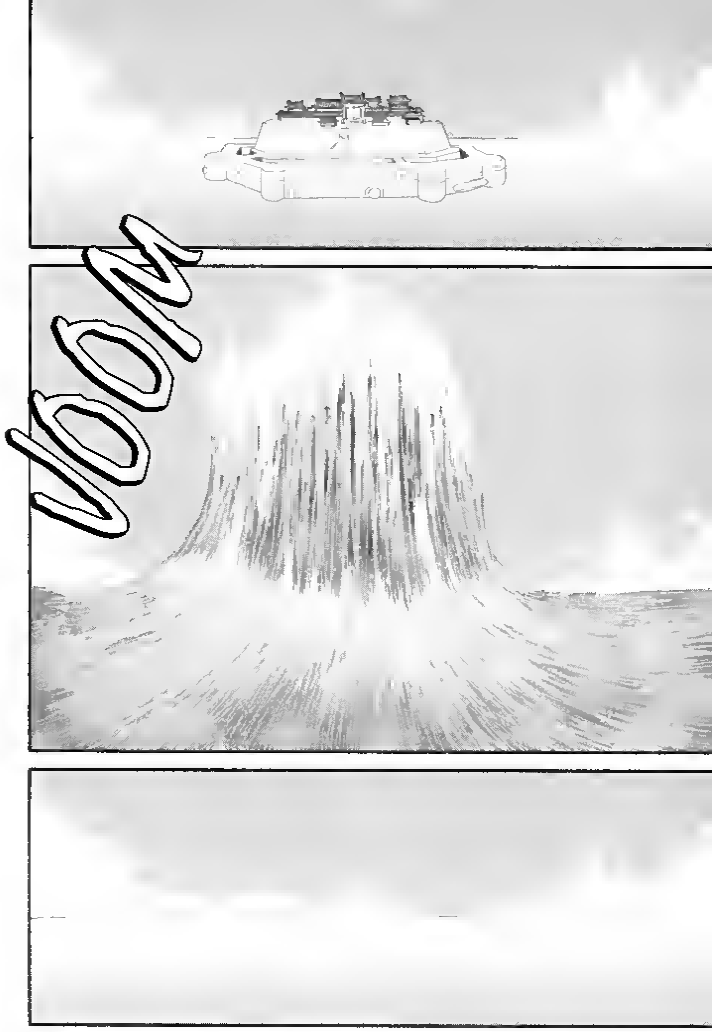

gulp...
rmmmm


Rmmmmmm...
HERE IT COMES


Rmmmmble rumble rumble...
HERE IT COMES!!!

BLOOSH


VBOM

AND LOST MANY PEOPLE...

AND SO THE DRAGON PALACE WARPED BACK TO ANCIENT TIMES...

I SEE

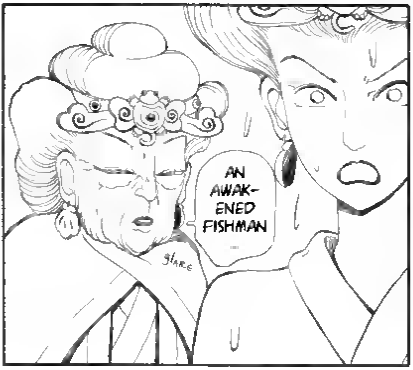
!!!

Creak...

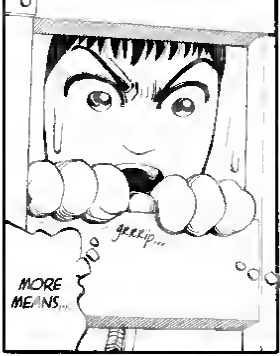
WHAT A HIDEOUS TALE.

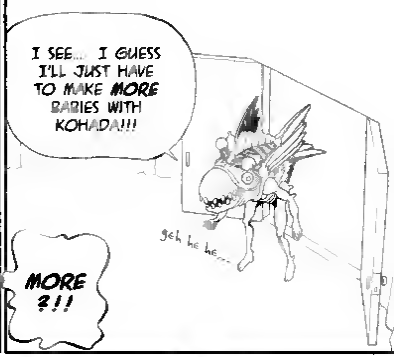
SO THAT'S WHY YOU FEMALES FEAR AND DESPISE MALE FISHMEN LIKE ME, AND FEED US TO THE DRAGON GOD

fshhh

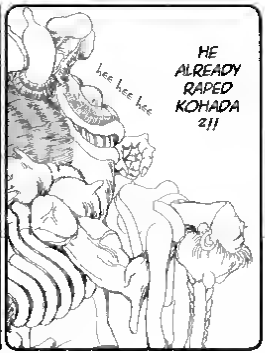


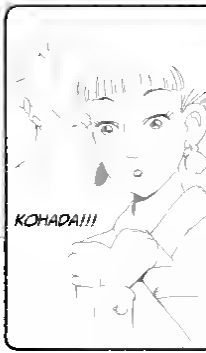
...
ONE OF THE MOST TERRIBLE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AWAKENED FISHMAN IS HIS FERTILITY
AND THOSE UNFORTUNATE CREATURES BORN TO SUCH A MAN ARE SO TWISTED AS TO BE UNRECOGNIZABLE
THEY GROW WITH FRIGHTFUL SPEED AND MULTIPLY IMMEDIATELY
WOW MY KIDS ARE GONNA BE THAT SUPER?
...
IN THE 23RD CENTURY WHEN I WAS A CHILD
THERE WAS A MALE WHO WENT MAD AND ATE HIS OWN SON
HE AWAKENED


gkkkp...
MORE MEANS...

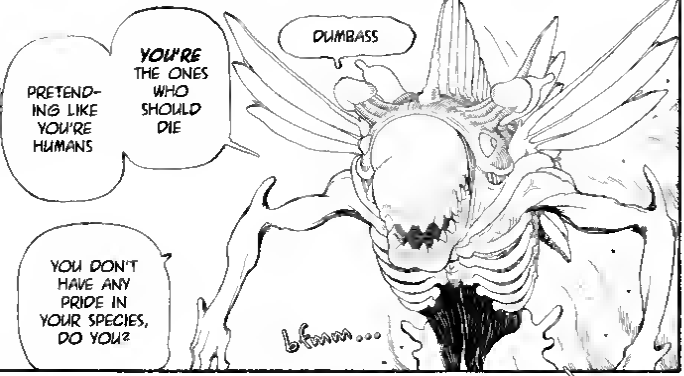

I SEE... I GUESS I'LL JUST HAVE TO MAKE MORE BABIES WITH KOHADA!!!
geh he he...
MORE ?!!

NO, POOR KOHADA!!!
gkkkk


hee hee hee
HE ALREADY RAPED KOHADA ?!!


KOHADA!!!

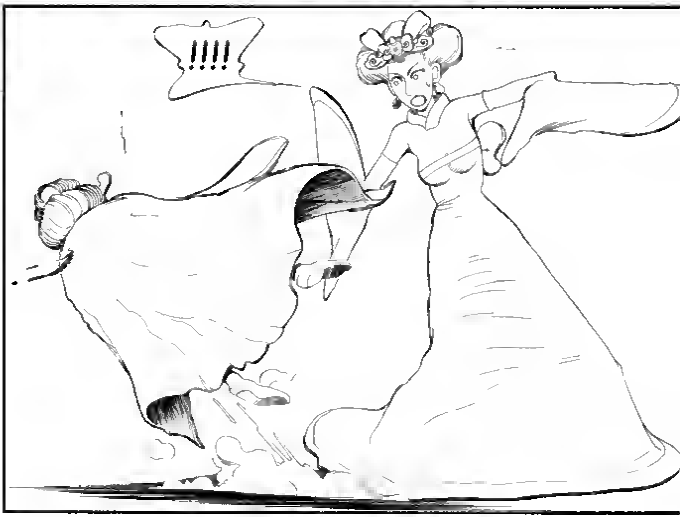
YOU MUST NOT BE LEFT ALIVE!!!
BEAST !!!


DUMBASS
YOU'RE THE ONES WHO SHOULD DIE
PRETENDING LIKE YOU'RE HUMANS
YOU DON'T HAVE ANY PRIDE IN YOUR SPECIES, DO YOU?
bfmm...

NO, YOU'RE A PIECE OF SHIT!!!
take it out on the playground!
S STOP THIS!!!
ANYONE LIKE THAT IS A PIECE OF SHIT THEY DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO LIVE

MPEHHAA

bff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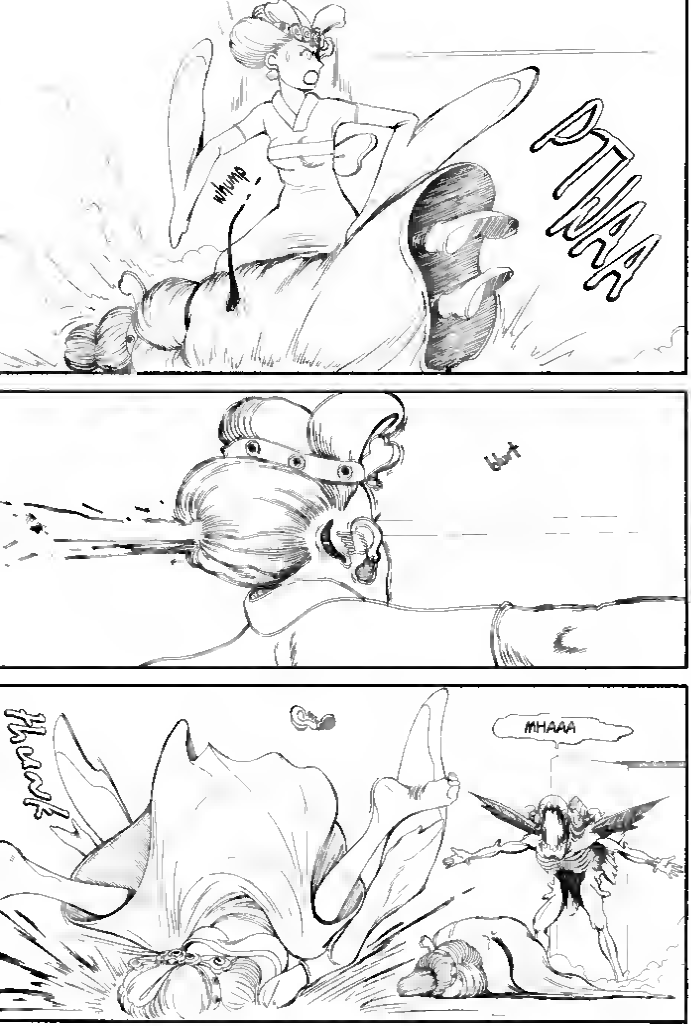
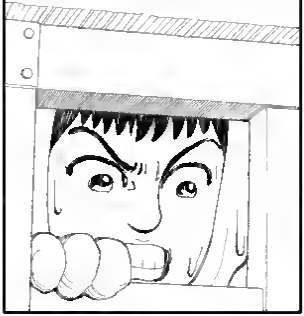
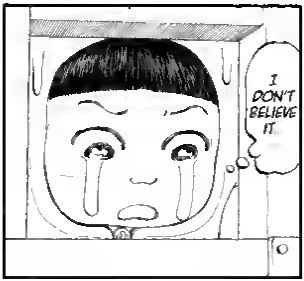
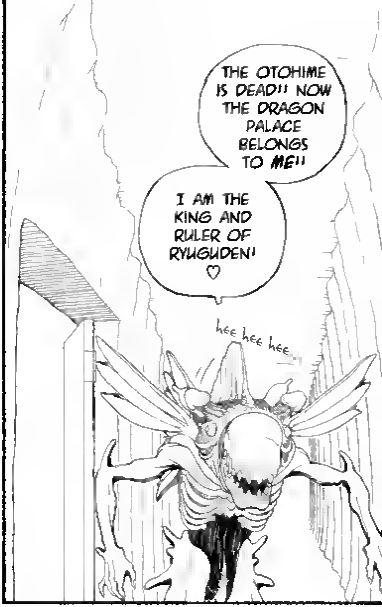
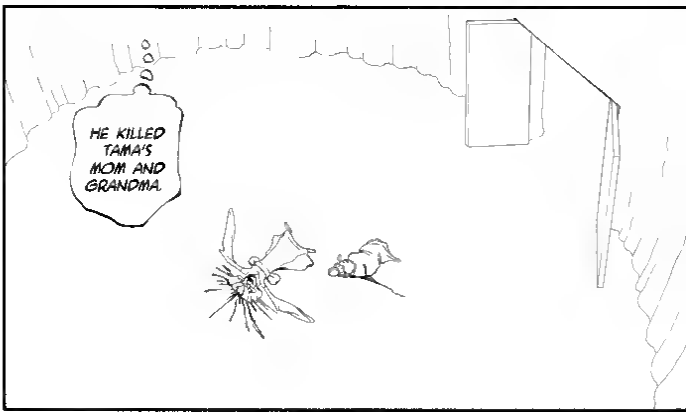

PTWAA
whump
MHAAA
thunk



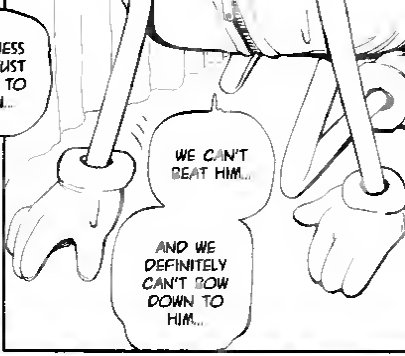

I DON'T BELIEVE IT.

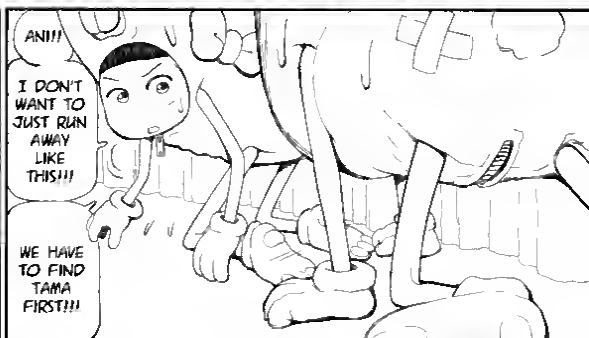

THE OTOHIME IS DEAD!! NOW THE DRAGON PALACE BELONGS TO ME!!
I AM THE KING AND RULER OF RYUGUDEN! ♡
hee hee hee...


HE KILLED TAMA'S MOM AND GRANDMA.

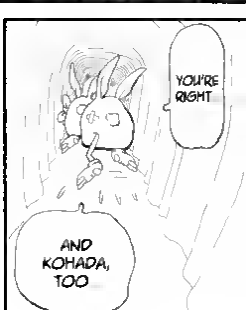
SO...
Grab
MY GIRLFRIEND'S MOM WAS KILLED RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME, AND I COULDN'T DO A THING...
...
WHAT DO WE DO...? WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO SAY TO TAMA THE NEXT TIME I SEE HER...?
...
WE'VE GOT TO KILL THAT DAMN HIROSHI!!!
LET'S GET REVENGE !!!
DAMN... WHAT CAN WE DO...?
THIS IS LIKE HELL...
...
...
WE CAN'T BEAT HIM
HIROSHI'S EVEN STRONGER NOW...

I GUESS WE JUST HAVE TO RUN...


WE CAN'T BEAT HIM...
AND WE DEFINITELY CAN'T BOW DOWN TO HIM...


AN!!!
I DON'T WANT TO JUST RUN AWAY LIKE THIS!!!
WE HAVE TO FIND TAMA FIRST!!!

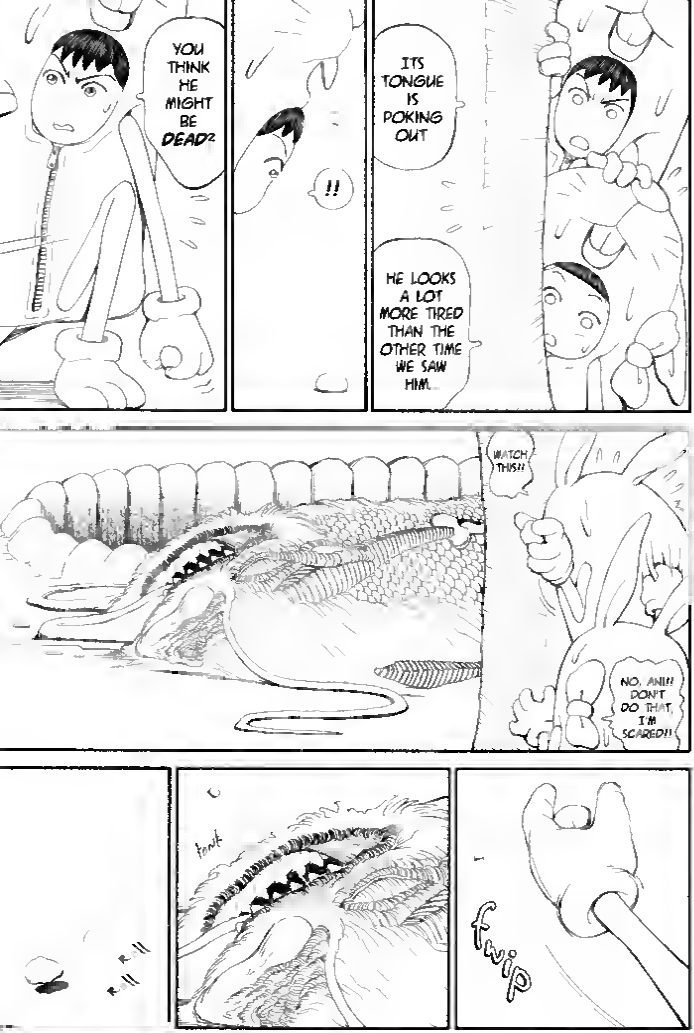
YEAH
WE'LL HOP DOWN AND TAKE A LOOK HERE, ALL RIGHT?

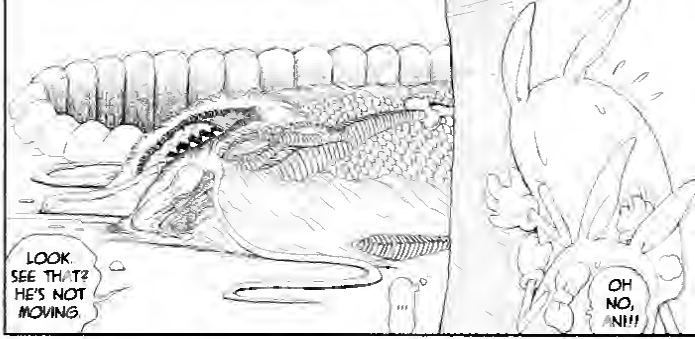

YOU'RE RIGHT
AND KOHADA, TOO

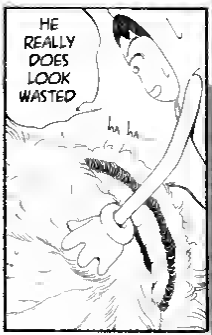
ISN'T THIS...
HUH?
WHOA
I THINK I REC-OGNIZE THIS PLACE!!
ALL OF THE DRAGON PALACE KIND OF LOOKS THE SAME, BUT
thunk
LET'S CHECK IT OUT
click
CREAAAK
WANNA GO THROUGH?
THAT'S THE DOOR.

!!!!
...
...

IS IT... SLEEP-ING?

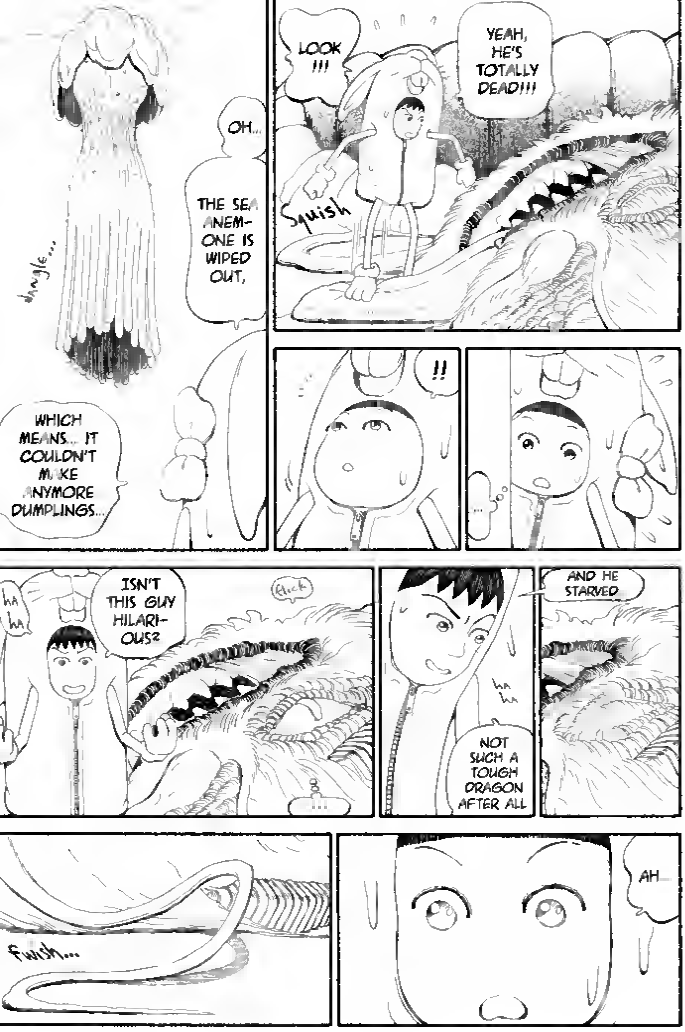

YOU THINK HE MIGHT BE DEAD?
!!
ITS TONGUE IS POKING OUT
HE LOOKS A LOT MORE TIRED THAN THE OTHER TIME WE SAW HIM...
WATCH THIS!!
NO, ANI!! DON'T DO THAT, I'M SCARED!!
fwip


LOOK. SEE THAT? HE'S NOT MOVING.
...
OH NO, ANI!!!


HE REALLY DOES LOOK WASTED.
ha ha

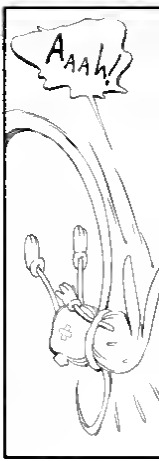
IS IT SAFE?
IS HE REALLY DEAD?

ANI!!!!
I KNEW IT, HE'S DEAD.


jingle...
OH...
THE SEA ANEMONE IS WIPED OUT,
WHICH MEANS... IT COULDN'T MAKE ANYMORE DUMPLINGS...
LOOK !!!
YEAH, HE'S TOTALLY DEAD!!!
Squish
!!
...
ha ha
ISN'T THIS GUY HILARIOUS?
Rick
...
ha ha
NOT SUCH A TOUGH DRAGON AFTER ALL
AND HE STARVED
Finish...
AH...

AAAhhhhhh!
ANI !!!

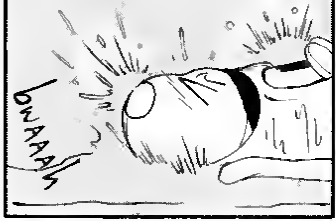
Fwoosh
Uwaaahh!!

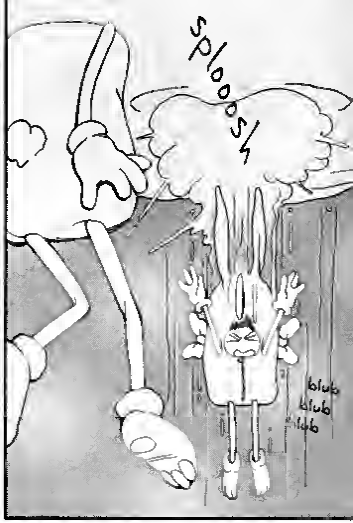

Aaah!

AAAHH!!! I'M GONNA DIE!!! I'M GONNA FALL!!! I'M GONNA DIE!!! AAAHH!!!
ANI!!! DON'T LET GO, WHATEVER YOU DO!!!
Thwop
ANI!!!

slip
AAH !!!
AAAAA hhh!
splooosh
HUH?! IT'S WATER DOWN THERE?!
ANIIII!!! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
A. ANI
ANIIII !!! SAY SOME-THING TO ME!!!

FROM UP HERE?!
HUH ?!!
I'M TOO SCARED !!!
BUT I DON'T WANT TO STAY UP HERE... THE DRAGON'S HERE...
ugghh...
C'MON, JUMP DOWN IN!!!
ANI !!!
HEY, BO!!! I'M ALL RIGHT !!!
hop
WELL, HERE GOES NOTHING!!! Y...H!!!


bwAAAh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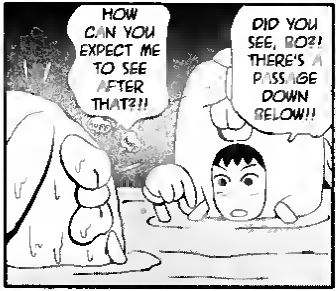
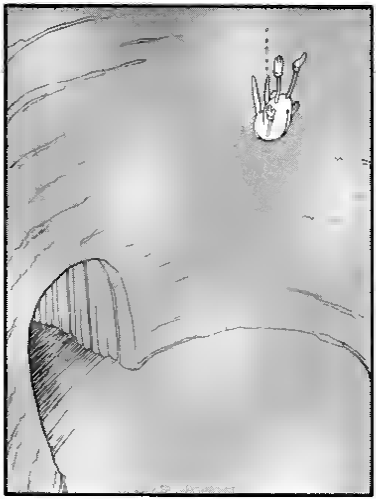
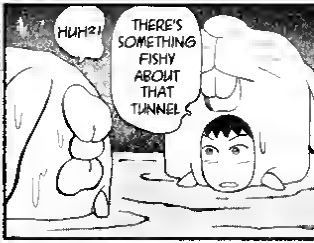
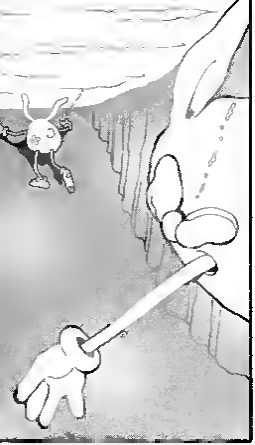

HOW CAN YOU EXPECT ME TO SEE AFTER THAT?!!
DID YOU SEE, BOZ! THERE'S A PASSAGE DOWN BELOW!!




HUH?!
THERE'S SOMETHING FISHY ABOUT THAT TUNNEL

HEY!!!
LET'S GO CHECK IT OUT!!!
splash



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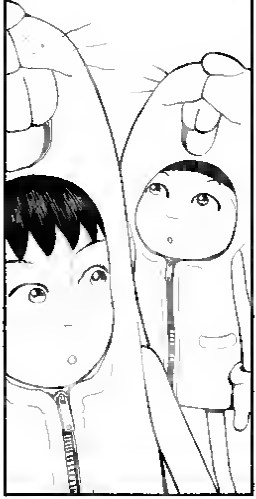
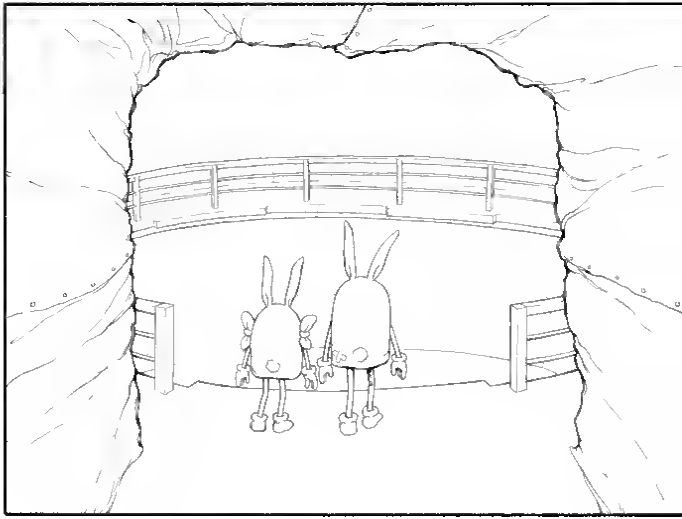
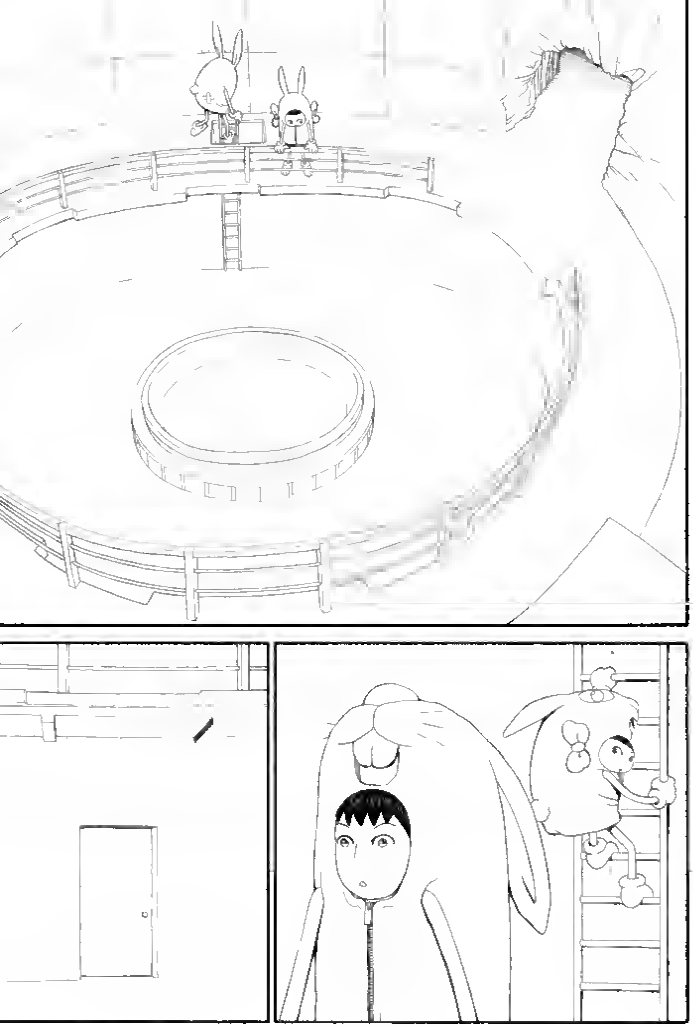
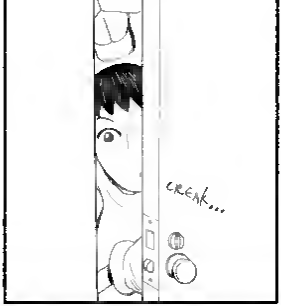


WANNA SEE WHAT'S DOWN HERE...?
YEAH...



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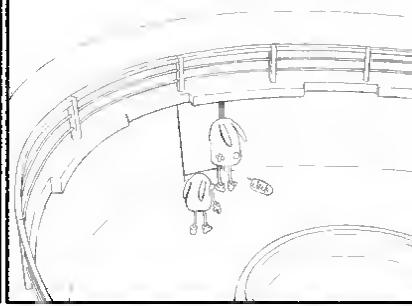
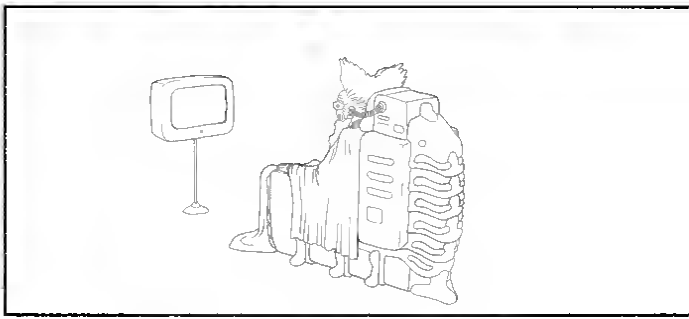
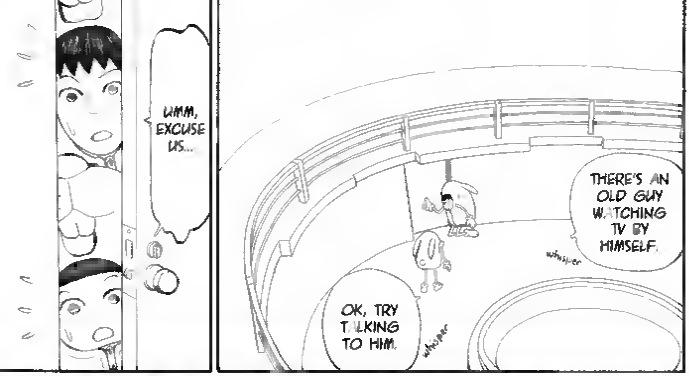
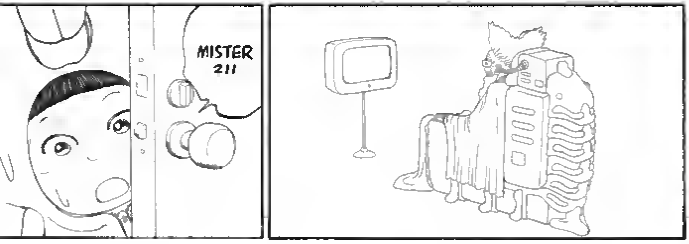





UMM, EXCUSE US...
THERE'S AN OLD GUY WATCHING TV BY HIMSELF.
OK, TRY TALKING TO HIM.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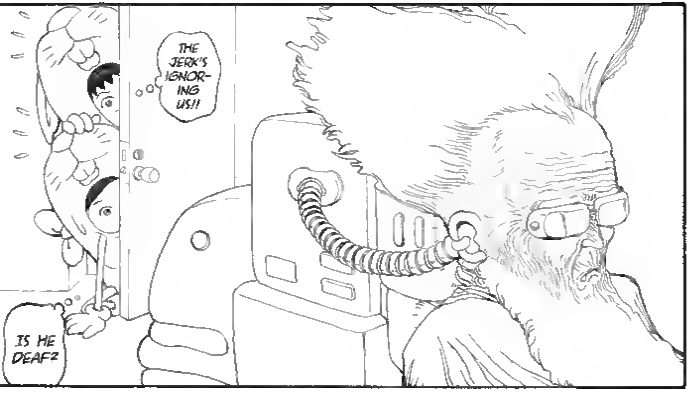
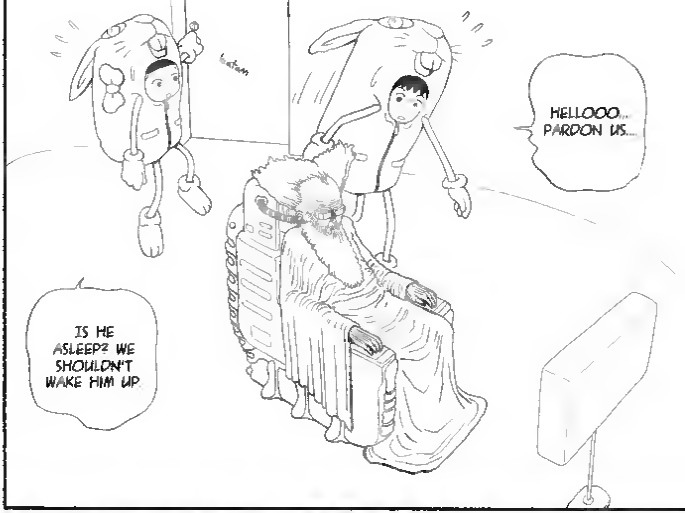
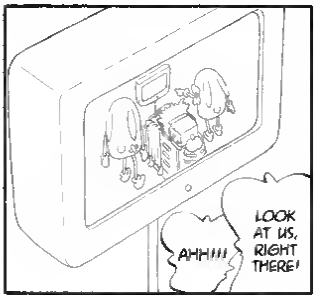
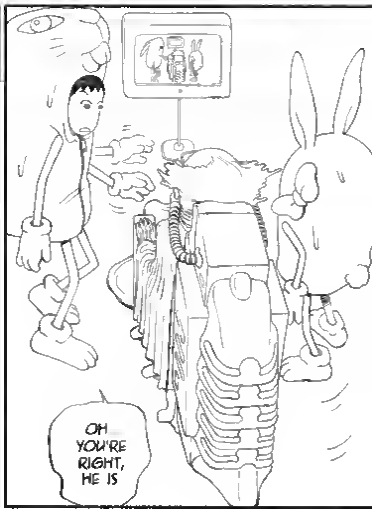

THE JERK'S IGNORING US!!
IS HE DEAF?


IS HE ASLEEP? WE SHOULDN'T WAKE HIM UP
HELLOOO... PARDON US...

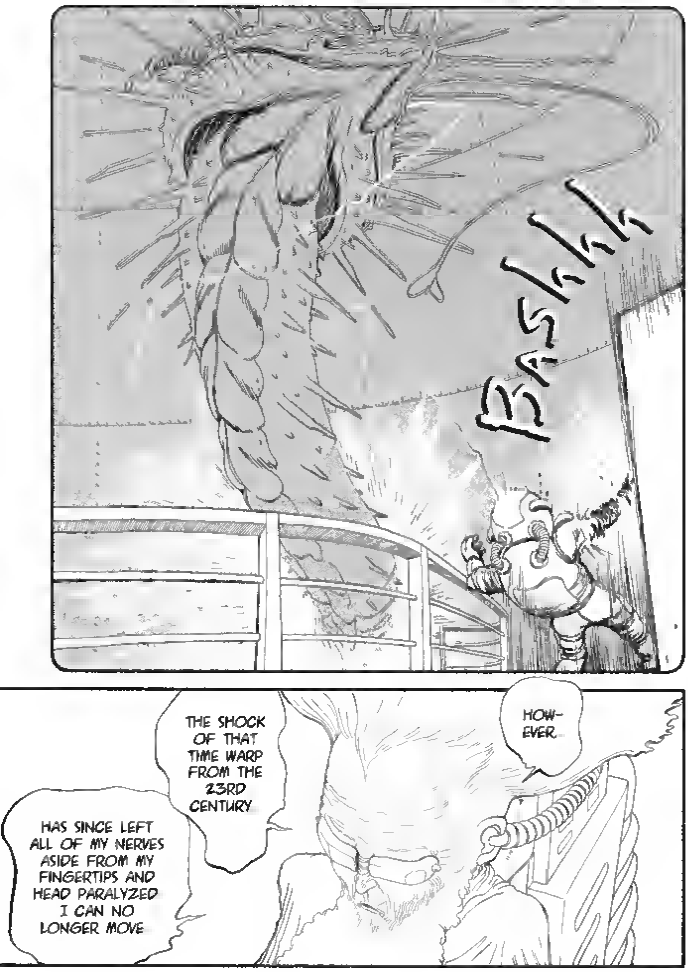
LOOK! WE'RE ON THE TV!!!


AHH!!!
LOOK AT US, RIGHT THERE!

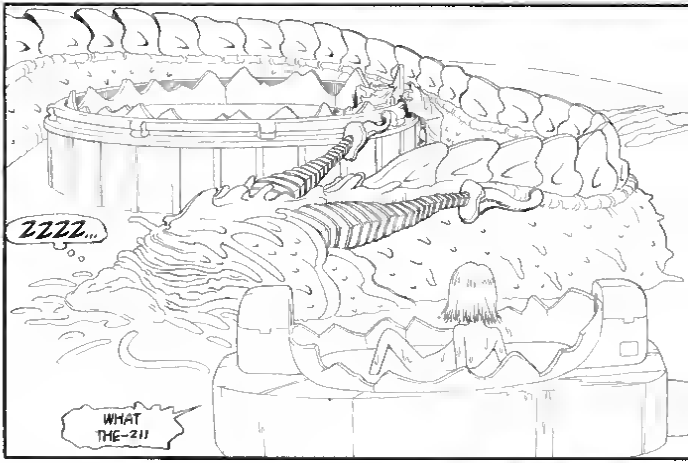

OH YOU'RE RIGHT, HE IS

HUH ?!!
IT IS A CAMERA TOO SMALL FOR THE NAKED EYE.
I DON'T SEE ANY-THING !!!
THERE MUST BE A CAMERA, THEN
HE WAS AWAKE !!
AND IT IS FLOATING IN THE AIR.
TH THE WHOLE TIME?
IN THIS ROOM ON THIS MONITOR.
I HAVE BEEN WATCHING YOU... THE ENTIRE TIME.

WHY US?
MY BODY IS AILING, AND I CANNOT LEAVE THIS ROOM
AS A MEANS OF STAV-ING OFF BOREDOM, I FOLLOWED YOUR PROGRESS
JUST LIKE THIS..
slide slide
AHH !!!
IT'S A CLOSE UP NOW!!!
MAN, THAT'S SOME HI-TECH STUFF
DOES THAT MEAN... YOU'RE THE SCIENTIST FROM THE 23RD CENTURY?
INDEED...
THE GREATEST INVENTOR OF THE CENTURY...
Is that official...?


BASHHH
HOW-EVER
THE SHOCK OF THAT TIME WARP FROM THE 23RD CENTURY
HAS SINCE LEFT ALL OF MY NERVES ASIDE FROM MY FINGERTIPS AND HEAD PARALYZED I CAN NO LONGER MOVE

- 700 A.D. -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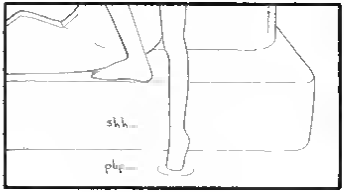
WHAT THE-?!!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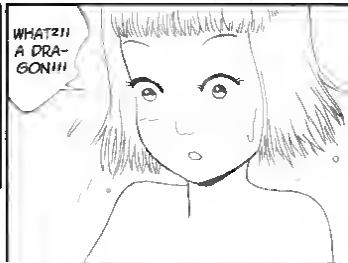
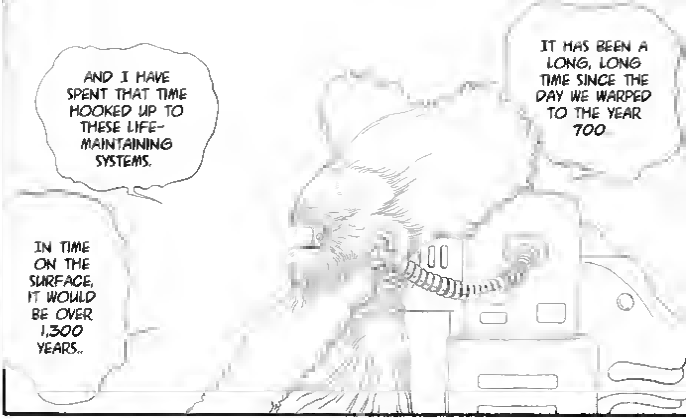
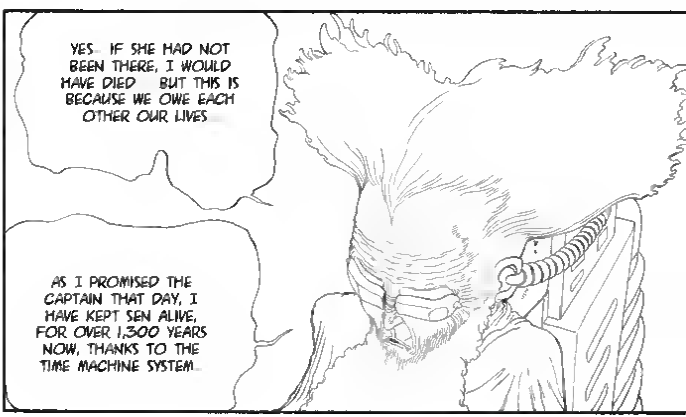
plp...

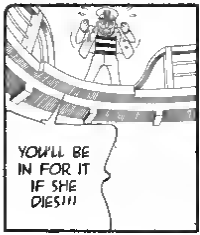

WHAT?!! A DRA-GON!!!

WHAT IS THIS PLACE?! AND WHY AM I NAKED?!
YIKES !!!
thud thud thud
S SEN
huff huff huff huff
HELP ME
huff huff huff


AND I HAVE SPENT THAT TIME HOOKED UP TO THESE LIFE-MAINTAINING SYSTEMS.
IT HAS BEEN A LONG, LONG TIME SINCE THE DAY WE WARPED TO THE YEAR 700.
IN TIME ON THE SURFACE, IT WOULD BE OVER 1,300 YEARS..

DID SEN... I MEAN, TAMA'S GRANDMA TAKE CARE OF YOU?


YES... IF SHE HAD NOT BEEN THERE, I WOULD HAVE DIED... BUT THIS IS BECAUSE WE OWE EACH OTHER OUR LIVES...
AS I PROMISED THE CAPTAIN THAT DAY, I HAVE KEPT SEN ALIVE, FOR OVER 1,300 YEARS NOW, THANKS TO THE TIME MACHINE SYSTEM...


YOU'LL BE IN FOR IT IF SHE DIES!!!

YEAH, YEAH!!!

I'M LEAVING SEN HERE!!! GUARD HER WITH YOUR LIFE!!!
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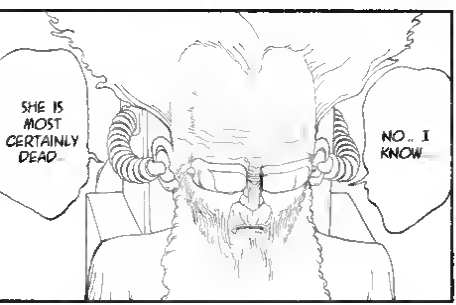
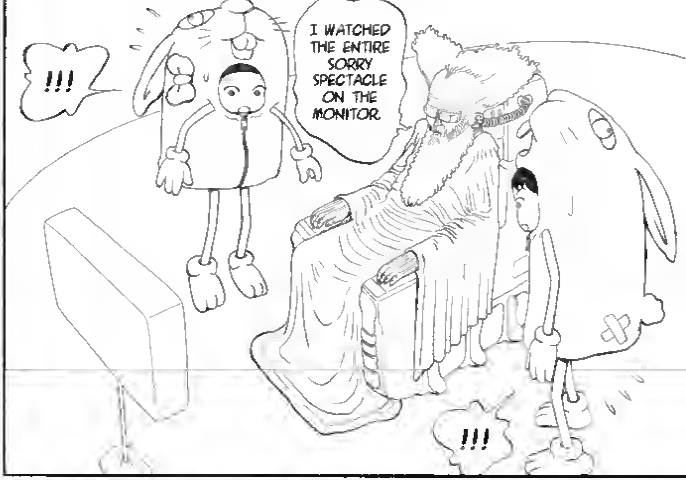
BUT PRO-FESSOR, SEN JUST...
WHAT A PROMISE...
WOW, I BET EVEN THE CAPTAIN DIDN'T THINK YOU'D KEEP HER ALIVE FOR OVER 13 CENTURIES...


SHE IS MOST CERTAINLY DEAD...
NO... I KNOW...

WELL, YOU SEE
AN!!!


!!!
I WATCHED THE ENTIRE SORRY SPECTACLE ON THE MONITOR.
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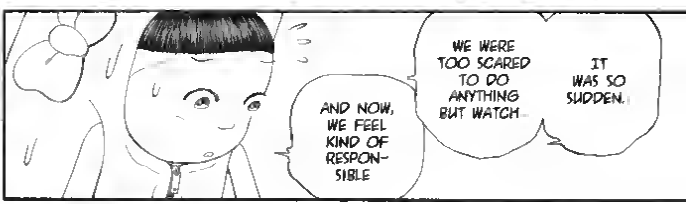
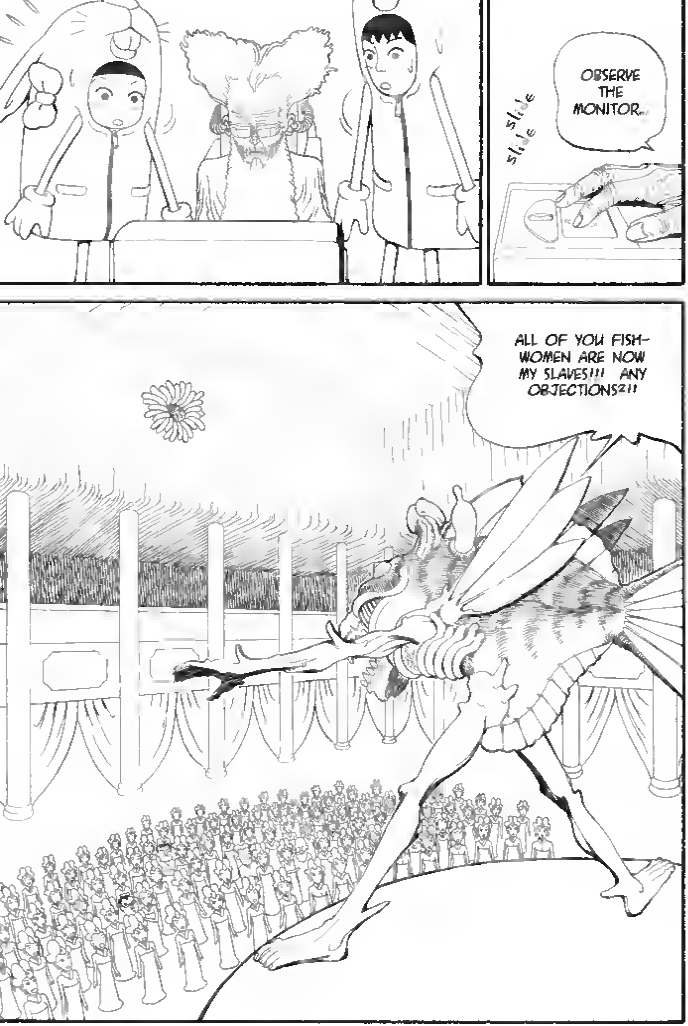

AND NOW, WE FEEL KIND OF RESPON-SIBLE
WE WERE TOO SCARED TO DO ANYTHING BUT WATCH...
IT WAS SO SUDDEN.

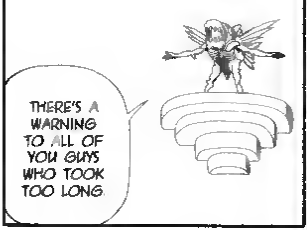
HUHZ!!
BUT HOW

RESPONSI-BILITY... I SEE... ANI, BO...
MAYBE YOU SHOULD BE THE ONES TO RETURN PEACE TO THE DRAGON PALACE ONCE MORE

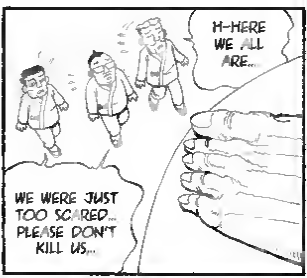

OBSERVE THE MONITOR...
slide
slide
ALL OF YOU FISH-WOMEN ARE NOW MY SLAVES!!! ANY OBJECTIONS?!!

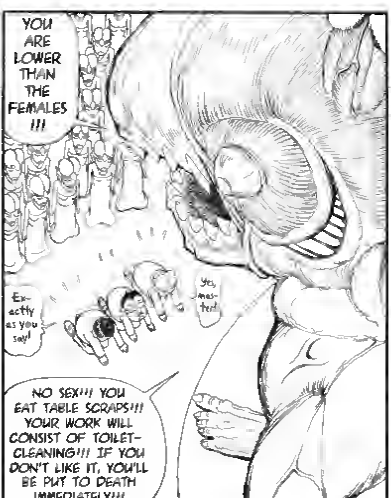
HERE COMES MY FIRST ORDER, THEN. ALL MEN, TO THE FRONT.
NO COMPLAINTS, THEN?!! WHICH MEANS I'M THE KING!!! HOORAY!!! ♡
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO. IT'S TOO DANGEROUS.
NO, BUT...
HUH?!
WHAT'S HE GOING TO DO. ?
I SAID, GET UP HERE!!!
HEY !!!

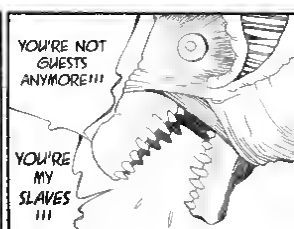
GEEZ, I'M GETTING TIRED OF W. ITING!!!
PTAAH
BANG


THERE'S A WARNING TO ALL OF YOU GUYS WHO TOOK TOO LONG

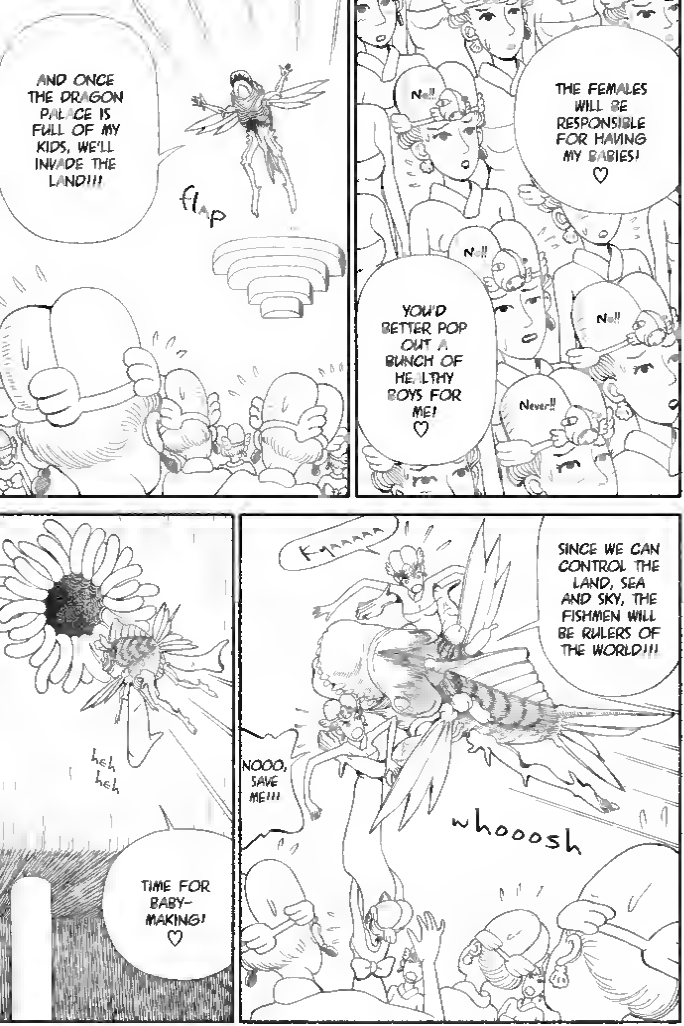
flop

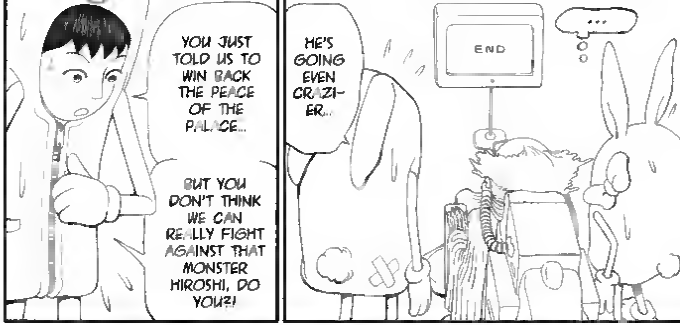

H-HERE WE ALL ARE...
WE WERE JUST TOO SCARED... PLEASE DON'T KILL US...


YOU ARE LOWER THAN THE FEMALES !!!
Exactly as you say!
Yes, master!
NO SEX!!! YOU EAT TABLE SCRAPS!!! YOUR WORK WILL CONSIST OF TOILET-CLEANING!!! IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, YOU'LL BE PUT TO DEATH IMMEDIATELY!!!


YOU'RE NOT GUESTS ANYMORE!!!
YOU'RE MY SLAVES !!!

WHAT?!!


AND ONCE THE DRAGON PALACE IS FULL OF MY KIDS, WE'LL INVADE THE LAND!!!
flap
THE FEMALES WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HAVING MY BABIES! ♡
No!!
No!!
No!!
Never!!
YOU'D BETTER POP OUT A BUNCH OF HEALTHY BOYS FOR ME! ♡
heh heh
TIME FOR BABY-MAKING! ♡
F-AAAAA
SINCE WE CAN CONTROL THE LAND, SEA AND SKY, THE FISHMEN WILL BE RULERS OF THE WORLD!!!
NOOO, SAVE ME!!!
whooosh


YOU JUST TOLD US TO WIN BACK THE PEACE OF THE PALACE...
BUT YOU DON'T THINK WE CAN REALLY FIGHT AGAINST THAT MONSTER HIROSHI, DO YOU?!
HE'S GOING EVEN CRAZIER...
END
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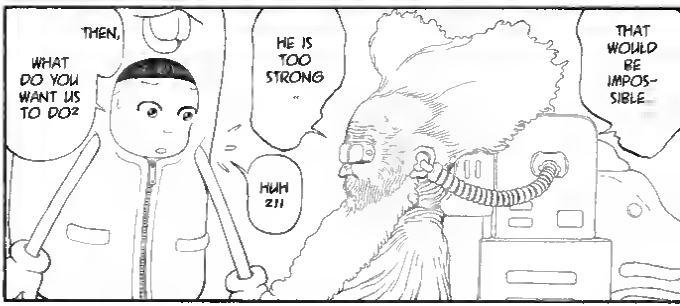
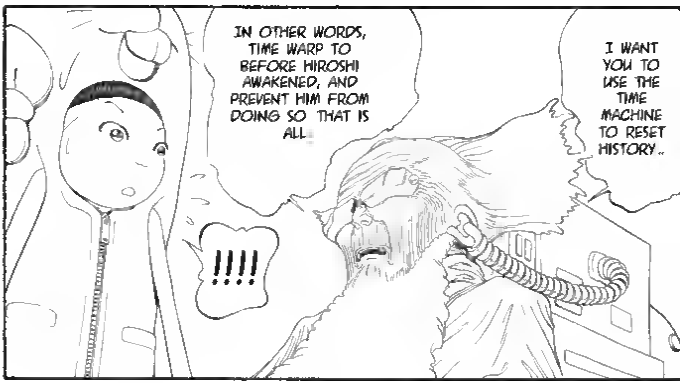

THEN,
WHAT DO YOU WANT US TO DO?
HE IS TOO STRONG
HUH ?!!
THAT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE


IN OTHER WORDS, TIME WARP TO BEFORE HIROSHI AWAKENED, AND PREVENT HIM FROM DOING SO THAT IS ALL
!!!!
I WANT YOU TO USE THE TIME MACHINE TO RESET HISTORY..

YOU MEAN YOU CAN CHANGE HISTORY WITH A TIME MACHINE, NOT JUST TIME TRAVEL?!!

THAT MEANS WE'RE CHANGING AND REWRITING FATE, DOESN'T IT?!!

YOU CAN REALLY CHANGE FATE TO WHATEVER YOU WANT IT TO BE?!!

YES... IT DOES SOUND TOO CONVENIENT...

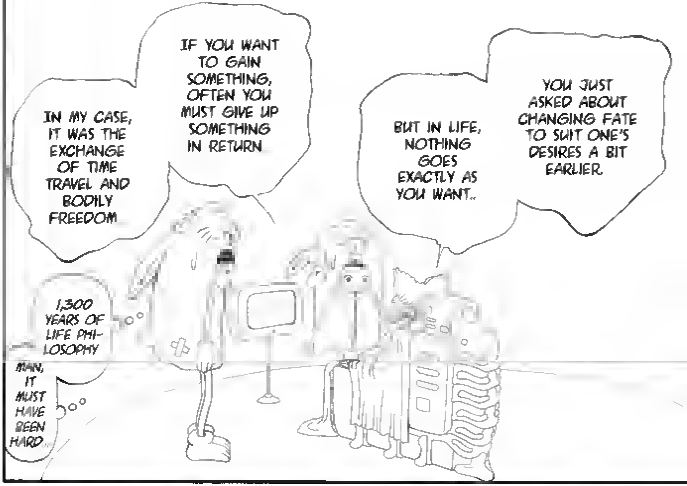
TO BE ABLE TO CHANGE FATE... CHANGE HISTORY AS YOU WISH IT...

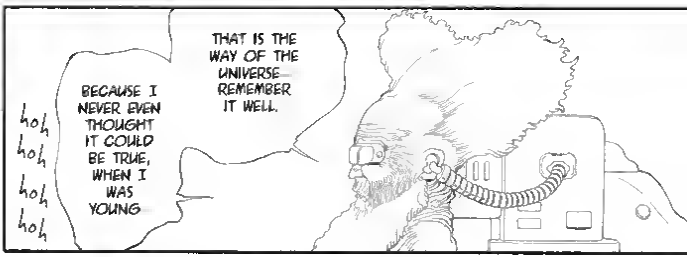
BUT I HAVE GAINED THAT "POWER"... "POWER" EQUAL TO THAT OF GOD...

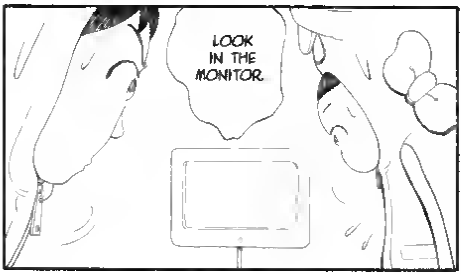
AND LOST THE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT

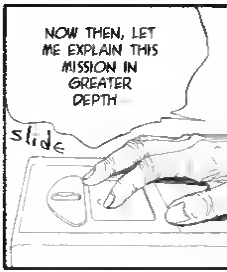
INDEED

IN EXCHANGE FOR THAT POWER, I HAVE PAID A PRICE


IN MY CASE, IT WAS THE EXCHANGE OF TIME TRAVEL AND BODILY FREEDOM
IF YOU WANT TO GAIN SOMETHING, OFTEN YOU MUST GIVE UP SOMETHING IN RETURN
BUT IN LIFE, NOTHING GOES EXACTLY AS YOU WANT..
YOU JUST ASKED ABOUT CHANGING FATE TO SUIT ONE'S DESIRES A BIT EARLIER.
1,300 YEARS OF LIFE PHI-LOSOPHY
MAN, IT MUST HAVE BEEN HARD.


hoh hoh hoh hoh
BECAUSE I NEVER EVEN THOUGHT IT COULD BE TRUE, WHEN I WAS YOUNG
THAT IS THE WAY OF THE UNIVERSE... REMEMBER IT WELL.


LOOK IN THE MONITOR.


NOW THEN, LET ME EXPLAIN THIS MISSION IN GREATER DEPTH...
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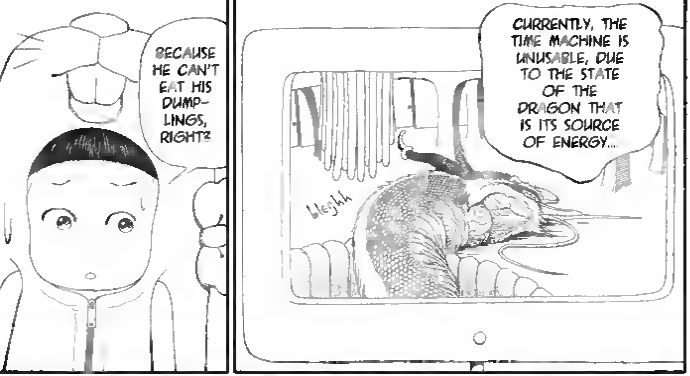
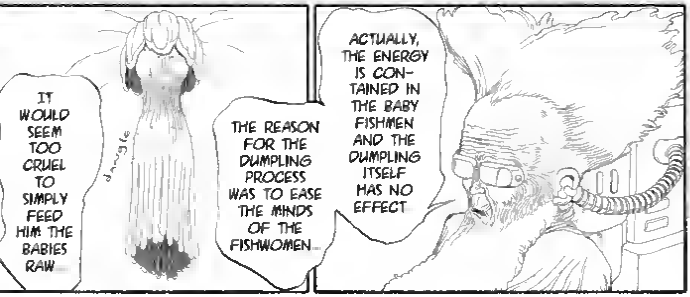
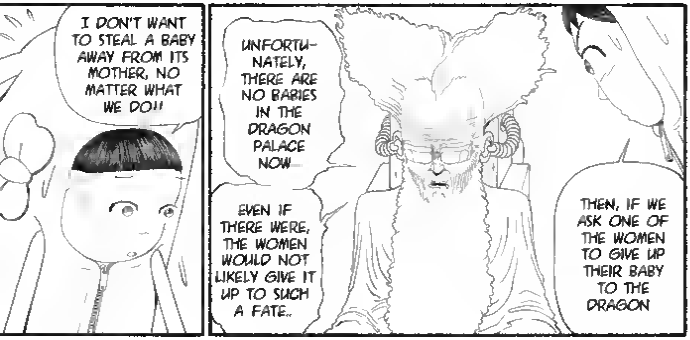
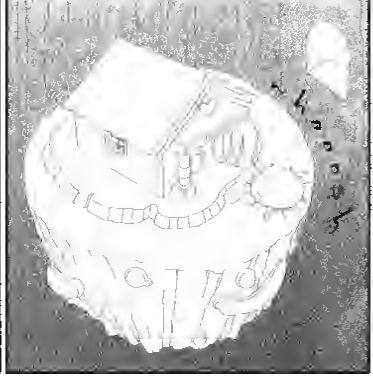
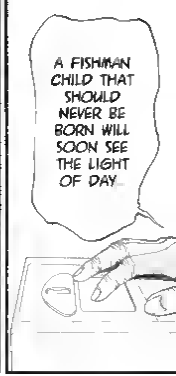

BECAUSE HE CAN'T EAT HIS DUMPLINGS, RIGHT?
CURRENTLY, THE TIME MACHINE IS UNUSABLE, DUE TO THE STATE OF THE DRAGON THAT IS ITS SOURCE OF ENERGY...
Uughh


IT WOULD SEEM TOO CRUEL TO SIMPLY FEED HIM THE BABIES RAW...
THE REASON FOR THE DUMPLING PROCESS WAS TO EASE THE MINDS OF THE FISHWOMEN...
ACTUALLY, THE ENERGY IS CONTAINED IN THE BABY FISHMEN AND THE DUMPLING ITSELF HAS NO EFFECT.

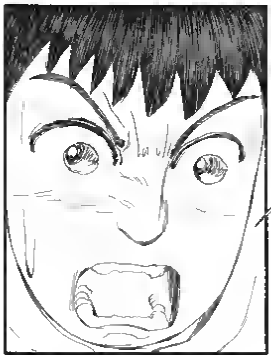

I DON'T WANT TO STEAL A BABY AWAY FROM ITS MOTHER, NO MATTER WHAT WE DO!!
UNFORTUNATELY, THERE ARE NO BABIES IN THE DRAGON PALACE NOW...
EVEN IF THERE WERE, THE WOMEN WOULD NOT LIKELY GIVE IT UP TO SUCH A FATE..
THEN, IF WE ASK ONE OF THE WOMEN TO GIVE UP THEIR BABY TO THE DRAGON

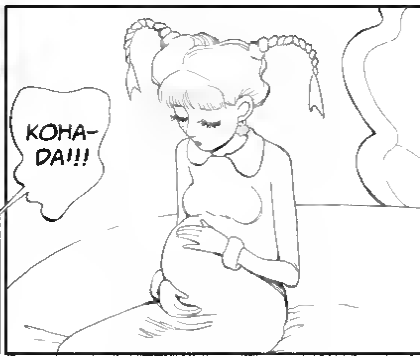
HUH?! ISN'T THAT...

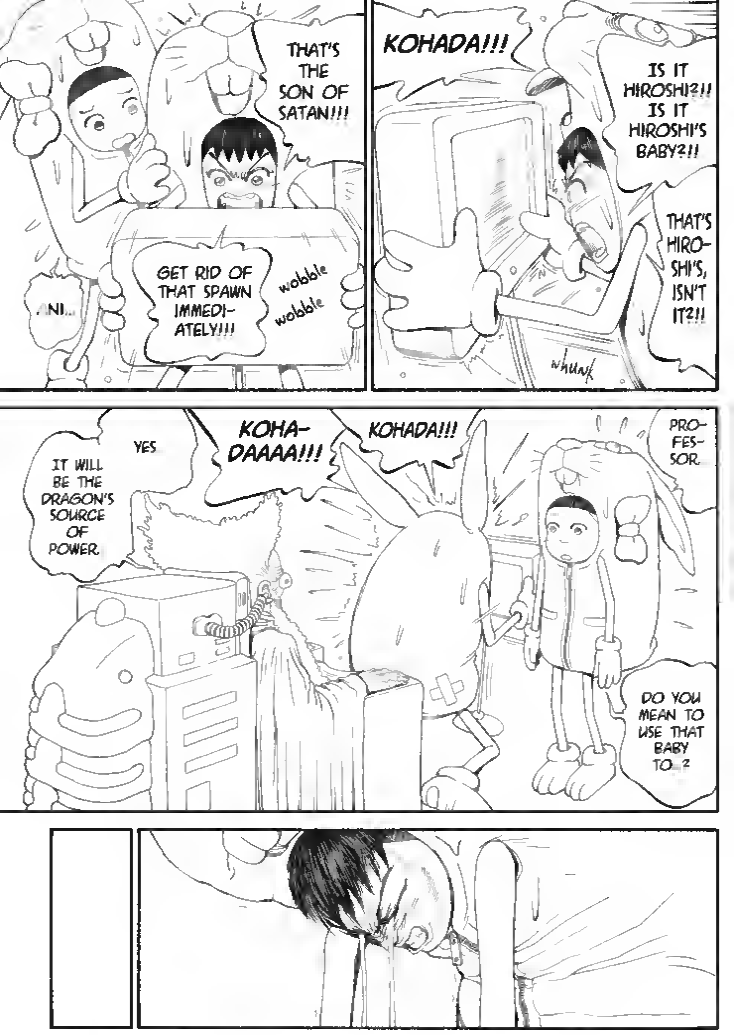



A FISHMAN CHILD THAT SHOULD NEVER BE BORN WILL SOON SEE THE LIGHT OF DAY...

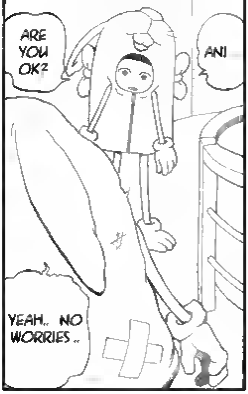
AH !!!

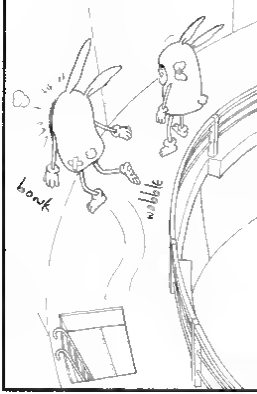


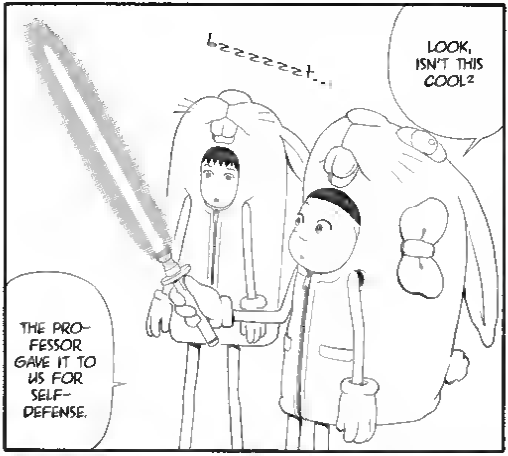

KOHA-DA!!!


THAT'S THE SON OF SATAN!!!
...NI...
GET RID OF THAT SPAWN IMMEDI-ATELY!!!
wobble wobble
KOHADA!!!
IS IT HIROSHI?!! IS IT HIROSHI'S BABY?!!
THAT'S HIRO-SHI'S, ISN'T IT?!!
YES
IT WILL BE THE DRAGON'S SOURCE OF POWER.
KOHA-DAAAA!!!
KOHADA!!!
PRO-FES-SOR.
DO YOU MEAN TO USE THAT BABY TO...?

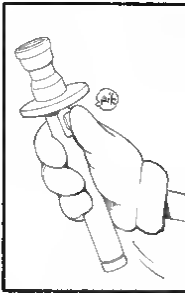
OH RIGHT HERE...

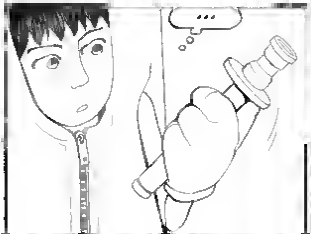

ARE YOU OK?
AN!
YEAH.. NO WORRIES..


bonk
wobble


bzzzzzzt..
LOOK, ISN'T THIS COOL?
THE PROFESSOR GAVE IT TO US FOR SELF-DEFENSE.

HUH?

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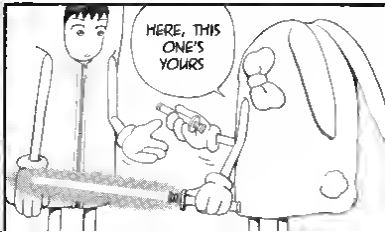
HERE, THIS ONE'S YOURS

urmmmmm...
pik
THE LIGHT OF JUSTICE THAT WILL KEEP US SAFE
IT'S THE LIGHT OF JUSTICE
...
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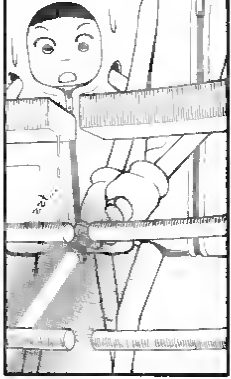

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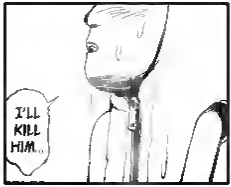
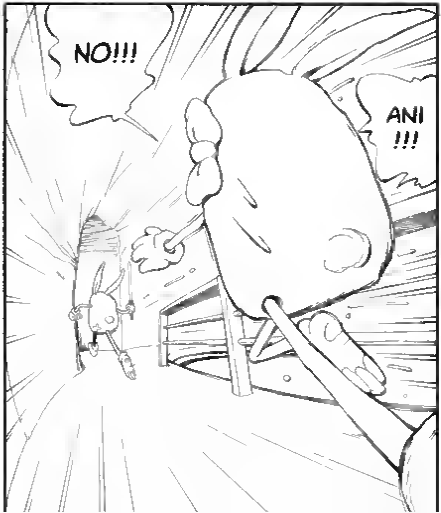

I'LL KILL HIM...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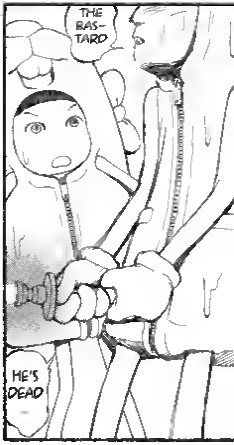
ANI !!!


THE BAS-TARD
HE'S DEAD

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